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INTRODUCTION

Within Meridian Township, there are two primary areas of population concentration: the Village of Okemos, which was discussed in the first section of this report, and the Haslett-Lake Lansing area. This area, the village of Haslett and the settlements around the Lake Lansing shore, is the subject of this section.

The limits of the Haslett-Lake Lansing area are basically those of that portion of the Haslett Public Schools district lying within Meridian Township. The village center and business section lie south of the lake on Haslett Road, east of the intersection with Marsh Road. Lake Lansing, which is roughly triangular in shape, covers parts of sections two, three, ten and eleven of Meridian Township. The lake has a circumference of about three miles with an outlet on the extreme northwestern edge which flows southwest into the Red Cedar River.

Although settlers patented property in the Haslett-Lake Lansing area as early as 1836, the main growth came in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The 1874 map shows only three homes on Haslett Road between the present Marsh and Green Roads and six along Marsh Road and on the west and north sides of the lake. With the coming of the railroad and the establishment of a post office in 1879, the area now known as Haslett began to assume its current appearance. A block east of the present shopping center on the southeast corner of the Marsh and Haslett Roads intersection, at the top of a gentle hill and east of the railroad tracks, several of the original village store buildings are still in use.

Pine Lake, the original name of both the lake and the settlement, became a fashionable resort and amusement area during the last quarter of the nineteenth century and was the headquarters of one of the popular Spiritualist camps of that period. By 1883, according to a newspaper account, there were twenty private homes

around the lake, some of which were along the northwest shore.

The story of the change of the post office name from Pine Lake to Haslett reflects some of the development of the area. In 1883 Spencer Shaw and his wife Lucretia had platted the Village of Nemoka at the southwest end of Pine Lake. This land was originally part of the patent granted to Obed Marshall on November 1, 1863, and included what is now Lake Lansing Park and the Vera Ralya School. It was in the Village of Nemoka that the famous Spiritualist Camp developed.¹

In April of 1887, four years after Nemoka was platted, James Haslett, a haberdasher from Port Huron, Michigan, purchased the Spiritualist camp and some other property in the Village of Nemoka, and at about the same time he bought the recreation center called Pine Lake House on the north shore of the lake for the use of the Spiritualists. The following year the Spiritualist bulletin advertised the meeting place as Haslett Park. According to legislative records, the name of the post office was changed officially from Pine Lake to Haslett Park on September 19, 1890, and on June 28, 1895, the word "Park" was dropped from the name.²

How the name Pine Lake was changed to Lake Lansing is not clear. Facts on the original naming of the lake have evaded us to date, but one might surmise that Pine Lake came by the name because of the large stand of pine along its shores, especially on the eastern side of the lake. And there seems to be general agreement on why the name of the lake was changed from Pine Lake to Lake Lansing but not on the date of the change nor on who was responsible for it. Evelyn H. Raphael in her History (p.53) maintained that the developer known as Pine Lake Johnson (Frank Johnson) effected the name change in 1927 "'because there are dozens of Pine Lakes.'" However Theodore C. Foster in the article "Place Names of Ingham County," the Michigan History Magazine (1942, vol. 26, pp. 497-98,) stated that the lake was renamed at the suggestion of J. R. Ferguson "because of the fact that the name Pine Lake carried no idea of location and because there are so many other Pine Lakes in Michigan." According to Foster, the

name change was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 16, 1929, and by the State Committee on Geographic Names on April 22, 1930, and was accepted by the National Geographic Board on May 7, 1930. Discovery of additional material may eventually determine who was responsible for the change, but at present this subject must remain debatable.

Although the history of this community is an interesting one, it is not the main concern of this report. Evelyn H. Raphael, Samuel Durant, and Mrs. Frances Adams have written some on the development of Haslett and Lake Lansing, and more will be added to their findings in a future study. The purpose here is to point out the structures remaining that have some historical or architectural significance and to analyze the area to determine the possible presence of an historic district worthy of preservation. Significant structures are reviewed in the following pages.

¹The Village of Nemoka consisted of sixteen blocks, fourteen of which were divided for homesites. Block 16 became the site of the Vera Ralya School, and Block 1 was the Spiritualist camp. The camp area later became the amusement center and was purchased in 1974 by Ingham County for a county park. See Evelyn H. Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area..., pp. 8, 38-39, 53; Plat of the Village of Nemoka, Register of Deeds, Liber 84, pp. 340-41; Liber 95, p. 573. It should be noted that the legal spelling of the name of the village is Nemoka, not Namoka, as it appears in Raphael's History.

²Mrs. Raphael stated in her History (p. 26) that Pine Lake was renamed Haslett Park by legislative action in 1892, but the State of Michigan legislative reference library nos. 2156-2158 show that the name change occurred in 1890.

BENSON-HEIMERDINGER FARM

Common Name: Benson-Heimerdinger Farm.

Location: West side of Marsh Road north of the intersection of Haslett and Marsh Roads.

Owner: Charles A. Benson, c/o Dr. John Benson, 4902 S. Cedar, Lansing, Michigan

Legal Description: Part of W 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 10.

Condition: Poor, unoccupied

Physical Appearance: Small frame house with some Greek Revival influence.



Significance: Built sometime prior to 1882, this house was part of the area known as Pine Lake Farm. The map of 1859 shows a house just north of the intersection of Marsh and Haslett Roads on the west side at what seems to be the location of the present house, and on the 1874 map a 302-acre property with a house on it appears under the name of E. Mills at this location. However, the 1875 tax list shows no real property for E. Mills. By 1882 John Heimerdinger possessed 195 acres of land, valued at \$4,200 and the property had become known as Pine Lake Farm. The price suggests that a sizeable structure must have been built on the land by that time. In January 1883, Mary (or Maria) Heimerdinger retained 95 acres of the land valued at \$3,000 on the 1883 tax roll and sold the rest of it to S. L. Shaw for \$5,000. A few hours after the Shaws bought the land, they in turn sold a sizeable number of lots in a new village which they platted, the Village of Nemoka, to George G. Meade for \$1,500. Both the Shaws and George Meade were instrumental in organizing the Spiritualist camp at Pine Lake. By 1895, according to the map of that date, the remaining Heimerdinger property was owned by Charles Benson and has continued in that family until the present time.

Bibliographical References: 1859 map taken from Topographical Map of Ingham and Livingston Counties (State Library); Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Meridian Township Tax Assessment Rolls; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 84, pp. 340-41.

SMITH-SAWDY HOUSE

Common Name: D. V. Smith-Sawdy
House

Location: 5682 School Street,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: L. G. Sawdy
(above address)

Legal Description: Lot 9 and
S. 20 feet of Lot 8, Sup. Plat
of Haslett.

Condition: Good

Physical Appearance: Small, low,
white frame house.

Significance: This house is believed to be the oldest structure and stands on the oldest land patent in Haslett.

The land on which the house was built, as well as the land where it now stands, was part of two pieces of property totalling 248.06 acres bought by Obed Marshall of Clinton County from the government on November 1, 1836, for \$310.08. Less than fourteen months later, on December 22, 1837, Obed Marshall "of Ingham County" sold the above parcels of land to Perley Davis of Clinton County for \$1,000.00, but this deed was not registered for ten years (September 13, 1847.) After the Davis purchase, parts of the 160 acres which Marshall originally patented on Haslett Road were sold to various owners. D. V. Smith bought the property in 1865, according to the property abstract, and by 1874, according to the existing map, this land was owned by F. Stevens.

The above house, built in the 1850's, was originally located at 1298 Haslett Road on a farm which was later sold to Fred Brundige and then to Bert Dunn. The front part of the house was moved to its present location about 1915, and according to Orlo Elliott, the back section, including the dining room, the kitchen, and wash room, was left on the original site and was later incorporated into another house.

The current owners, the L. G. Sawdys, say that the shape of the front part of the house is the same as the original, and the bath and kitchen were probably added to the structure in the 1930's. The Sawdys believe the original exterior siding of the house was also replaced, and in remodeling the inside, they have had to replace the crumbling sand plaster and hand hewn lathes which were being held together by many layers of wall paper on some of the interior walls. However, the studdings and floor joists are all the original hand hewn logs, some of which are six inches in diameter. The original twelve-inch wide, tongue-in-groove flooring remains both upstairs and



SMITH-SAWDY HOUSE (cont.)

downstairs but it is now covered with masonite and carpeting. During their remodeling, the Sawdys had to remove some of the original nails, which were square with square heads.

Bibliographical References: Abstract material and description of remodeling supplied by Mrs. L. G. Sawdy; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 6, p. 103, and Liber 7, pp. 399, 400; verbal remembrances of Mary Elliott; early abstract material and verbal data by Orlo Elliott.

PARK HOUSE

Common Name: Park House

Location: 1575 Colby Street,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Daniel Shearer
(above address)

Legal Description: Lot 36, 37,
and 38 of Reid Subdivision.

Condition: Good



Significance: This building was built by the Spiritualists in 1886 as a dormitory or hotel. The State Republican of August 10, 1886, stated that a large boarding house had been erected by S. L. Shaw on the Nemoka Society camp grounds at Pine Lake. The building stood in the southwest corner of the park before it was moved from the park to its present location. Former owners include the Fred Gkonos family and the Nazarene Church. After a period of vacancy during which many of the older windows were broken, the structure was purchased in 1974 by Daniel Shearer. It is currently being used as a residence. The Shearers have made no major changes on the outside of the building. The original glass does remain in the two front windows on the upper story.

Bibliographical References: Evelyn H. Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area, p. 40; The State Republican, August 10, 1886; verbal data by Orlo Elliot and the son of Daniel Shearer, October 1974.

BURGESS HOUSE

Common Name: Burgess House

Location: 5943 Edson Street,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A.
Sullivan of above address
(since June 21, 1973)

Legal Description: Plat of
Nemoka, Blk. 4, Lots 4 and 5.

Condition: Fairly good,
slightly altered from original.



Significance: The following information is related by Mrs. Mildred Howe, daughter of the recently deceased Ollie Drake. The Burgess House is a two-story white frame house built in 1888. The east and west sides each have two dormers. There was originally an open porch extending over the east side, but there is now a covered porch along the full length. The original house had four bedrooms on the second floor, a parlor, a sitting room, a dining room, a kitchen, and a wood shed. The wood shed became the present kitchen, and one bedroom was turned into a bathroom.

The foundation is of field stone with a bulkhead entry to a Michigan cellar as well as an inside stairway. The foundation was later reinforced with cement inside and out.

In 1887 there is no separate listing for these lots, but in 1888 the listing is "Burgess, James A., lots 4 and 5, Blk. 4, \$75.00." This house is on the 1889 tax rolls as lots 4 and 5, Blk. 4, valued at \$500.00 and listed under James A. Burgess.

Bibliographical References: Meridian Tax lists, 1887, 1888, 1889; Transfer to Howes, July 1943, Liber 1095, p. 1121; Transfer to Sullivans, Liber 1108, p. 1155.

CANFIELD HOME

Common Name: Canfield Home

Location: 5882 Potter Street,
Haslett, Michigan.

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. George
Tucker, above address.

Legal Description: Lot 7,
Blk. 7, Village of Nemoka.

Condition: Good, original
house on original site, some-
what altered.

Physical Appearance: Large
two-story frame house with
stone foundation.

Significance: Lot 7, Blk. 7, is part of the original plat of the Village of Nemoka, founded by S. L. Shaw in 1883. The Meridian Tax Roll of 1887 shows the lot having a value of \$150.00, indicating that no house was on the property at that time. A Mr. Twining bought the property and built the house, presumably in the 1890's. It was considered one of the best built homes of the time.

Floyd Peterson and his wife then purchased the property. It was sold in turn to S. M. Smith, who moved his family here in 1902. Later Glen Canfield and wife lived in the home for 35 years. The George Tuckers now own the property and have done extensive renovations, leaving the outside very much like the original. The house contains two rooms plus an attic upstairs and five rooms downstairs. A porch has been added to the original structure.

Bibliographical References: Verbal description from Mrs. Mildred Pulver, daughter of S. M. Smith, who lived in the house for several years; Meridian Township Assessment Rolls; also, verbal data from present owner.



WHITE HOUSE

Common Name: White House

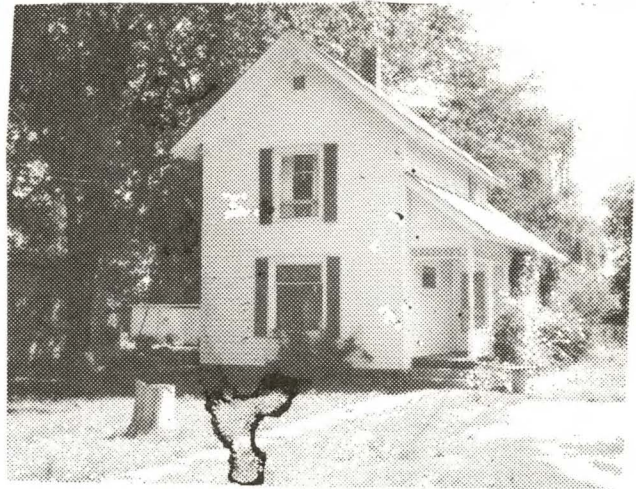
Location: 5920 Potter Street,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Ruth and Frank York,
Box 11, Big Rapids, Michigan

Legal Description: Lot 14 and
N 29' of Lot 15, Blk. 2, Village
of Nemoka.

Condition: Good

Physical Appearance: Two-story
white frame house with narrow
covered side porch.



Significance: This structure was one of the later cottages built in the Village of Nemoka area sometime between 1904 and 1921. The style is typical of many of the smaller homes built in the community around the turn of the century.

Bibliographical References: Meridian Tax Assessment lists, 1883, 1887, 1984, 1897, 1901, 1903, 104, and 1921.

ELLIOTT HOUSES

Common Name: Elliott Houses

Location: 1541 & 1545 Haslett Rd.
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Miss Mary Elliott
(above address)

Legal Description: Part of
E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 10
bounded on the north by
Bundy St. and on the west by
the E line of Blk. 15, Village
of Nemo.

Condition: Both good.

Physical Appearance: Stone
foundations. Both houses are
two-story upright white frame,
containing three rooms upstairs
and three down. A wing was
added to the back of Miss Elliott's
home for a kitchen, dining room,
and bath. The other is in its
original state.

Significance: Edward Elliott,
grandfather of Mary bought this
property from Mary Heimerdinger
and built a double house. He
used a bedroom for a post office.
He was the first postmaster of
Pine Lake. The other half of
the house was occupied at
different times by two of the
first doctors to live in the
community, Dr. Diamond and Dr. Calkins. This house caught fire from a passing train
and burned to the ground. Mr. Elliott then built two identical houses on the property
in 1893 or 1894. E. K. Elliott, father of Mary, moved his family to this location in
1897. He became postmaster in 1902 and thus began over half a century of continuous
service by the Elliott family. Mary succeeded her mother as postmistress in 1915 and
retired in 1954.

Bibliographical Reference: Legal description from tax receipts provided by owner.
Verbal description and history by owner and brother, Orlo; Evelyn H. Raphael, A
History of Haslett-Lake Lansing Area, pp. 25-26.



SMITH HOUSE

Common Name: Smith House
(Often referred to as the
H. H. Hammond House).

Location: 1536 Haslett Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Mrs. Sophia Smith
(above address)

Legal Description: W 1/2 of
Lots 22 and 23 Village of
Nemoka (exc. N 2 1/2 rds. of
W 1/2 of Lot 22), Blk 9.

Condition: Very good. Original
house on original site. Alter-
ed very little.

Physical Appearance: A two-story white frame house with porches on three sides. It has a stone foundation and sand plaster, with three rooms and an attic on second floor and five rooms on the first floor.

Significance: Built sometime between 1894 and 1900, this house stands on land once owned by H. Cleveland, who bought it from the government in 1837. In 1865, Henry Shiffer bought the E. frt. 1/2 of Section 10. In 1883 Spencer Shaw, developer of the Village of Nemoka, sold lots 22 and 23 to E. Manchester. Lot 23 was sold to James Haslett in 1888 for \$25.00. Lot 22 had been sold in 1887. Dr. Diamond, one of the first doctors in the vicinity, bought the W. 1/2 of lots 22 and 23 in 1894. By 1901 the tax valuation was up to \$900.00, indicating a structure had been built. Dr. Diamond set up practice in the parlor, shutting off the rest of the rooms with double sliding doors. A door from the porch led directly into this "office." A small back room was called his medicine supply room.

Dr. Diamond sold the property to H. Hammond, an early local business man, in 1900. The house then passed into the hands of R. McConnell, one of the first depot agents. It remained in this family until 1926 when the present owner bought it. The only alteration to the house was the conversion of two rooms downstairs into a bathroom and bedroom.

Bibliographical References: Abstract from owner; verbal description by owner and history from old residents.



CHARBONNEAUX HOUSE

Common Name: Charbonneaux House

Location: 1522 Haslett Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Edna Bush Estate

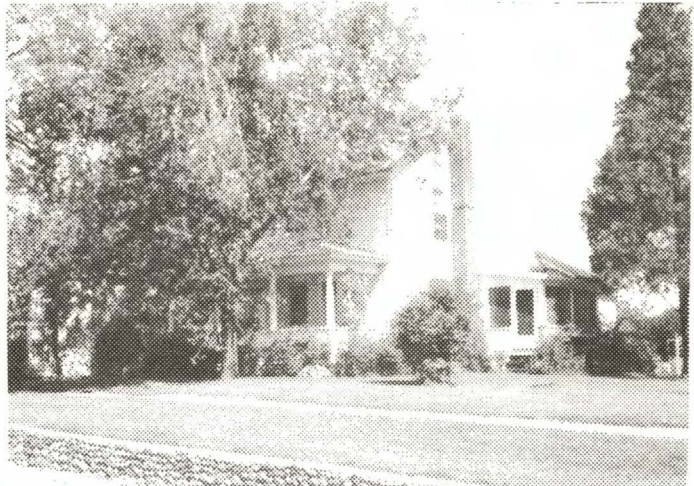
Legal Description: Lot 24, Blk.
9, Village of Nemoka.

Condition: Good, remodeled on
original site.

Significance: Built about 1900
by a Mr. Charbonneaux, this
structure has connections with
a number of well-known Haslett
families. Tax records indicate
that the property was owned in
1903 by Esther Charbonneaux. By 1921 it was in the hands of Henery and Anna Everett,
parents of Mrs. Edna Bush. Mrs. Bush, who passed away in August 1972, came to the
location in 1911 with her parents and lived in the house until her death. Her maternal
grandparents were the Heimerdingers.

Several changes have been made in the Charbonneaux House over the years. Most of
the windows have been widened; the east porch was built higher and screened in the
1930's; the current back bedroom on the northwest corner of the first floor was
originally a woodshed; and the front porch entrance was on the front rather than on the
side of the porch as it now is. The back porch is in its original form.

Bibliographical References: Meridian Tax lists; verbal data from Mrs. Carl Jacobson,
daughter of Edna Bush.



BRUNDIGE HOUSE

Common Name: Brundige House

Location: 1457 Haslett Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Dr. Michael Lutsch
(above address)

Legal Description: Lot 17,
Supervisor's Plat of Haslett.

Condition: Good on original
site and in original shape.

Physical Appearance: A red
brick, two-story upright with
a wing at the back.

Significance: The land on which this house stands was originally part of property purchased from the U. S. Government by Obed Marshall. The purchase, dated November 1, 1836, gives the description as the S.W. 1/4 of Section 11. The original acreage passed through many well-known pioneer hands -- Davis, Stephans, Sauls, Stevens, Smith, Gulick -- decreasing in size as it did so. Christopher Brundige and his wife purchased the property from Bertha Gulick and moved there in 1929. The house, built in 1894, then contained five rooms downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. The Brundiges converted two rooms into a bathroom and bedroom. The foundation is of stone and had a Michigan cellar until Mr. Brundige remodeled in the 30's. The outside appearance has not been changed.

Bibliographical References: Abstract supplied by Mrs. Thelma Shoemaker, daughter of the Brundiges, and verbal description by same and contemporaries.



HASLETT BAPTIST CHURCH

Common Name: Old Haslett Baptist Church

Location: 1427 Haslett Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Legal Description: Part of Lot
22 exc. W 10' and lot 23, Sup.
Plat of Haslett.

Condition: Fair, on original
site.

Physical Appearance: White
frame building with rooms on
back for Sunday school. Bell
tower in front.



Significance: The church was organized as the Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Lake, Michigan, at a meeting held at the Carl School House, District No. 7 of Meridian Township, March 11, 1892.

There were fifteen charter members and meetings were held there until September, 1892. A church was built on the present site donated by Fidelo Stevens, an early settler, in 1892. Orlo Elliott, then a child of seven, helped his father draw stone for the foundation. The church cost \$1,000 and was heated by two large stoves in the front corners, with long stove pipes running to the chimney in back.

In 1924 the church was remodeled and moved onto a new basement, a new entrance and belfry were built, and stained glass windows were installed in the entrance. This same year the name was changed to Haslett Immanuel Baptist Church.

In 1948 another remodeling project added an educational unit and a new heating plant at cost of \$15,000. In 1955 the name was changed to Haslett Baptist Church. This church building has been sold and is now for lease. The stained glass windows have been moved to the new church building on Ridgeway Street, Haslett.

Bibliographical References: Church History of the Haslett Baptist Church and verbal history and description by early members.

WILKINS HOUSE

Common Name: Wilkins House

Location: 1180 Haslett Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Fred Scheiterlein
(above address)

Legal Description: SE 1/4 of
Section 11.

Condition: Good

Physical Appearance: Imposing
white frame house with covered
side porch and sharply peaked
roof and triple window in front
gable.



Significance: This farm was originally purchased by Lyman Bayard and was in the hands of the Kelly family from 1853 to 1875. The 1874 map shows a house on the property under the name of Mrs. P. Kelly, and the tax list of 1875 assessed the property to "P. Kelly" at \$1,000. According to the deeds and the tax records, George G. Fuller acquired the property in 1875 and was assessed for it until 1890, at which time Henry Everett became its owner, and he continued to live there for many years. It later became the property of C. O. Wilkins, who in 1956 platted the Wilkshire subdivision.

Bibliographical References: Ingham County Atlas, 1874; Meridian Township tax lists of 1875, 1879, 1882, 1886, 1890 through 1896; Ingham County Deeds, Liber 59, p. 299, and Liber 61, p. 557; Evelyn H. Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area, p. 54; Mrs. Carl Jacobson, great grand-daughter of Henry Everett, stated that Henry Everett built this house.

CEMENT-BLOCK FACTORY



Common Name: Cement-Block Factory

Location: 5691 School Street
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Raymond S. McGiveron
(above address)

Legal Description: Part of Blk. 16, Village of Nemo

Significance: Sometime between 1904 and 1907, Lee Kuhn began operating a cement-block factory in Haslett, just off Haslett Road west of School Street and south of the railroad tracks on property formerly owned by S. L. Shaw and later by James Haslett. The buildings are now in poor repair but many examples of Kuhn's cement block work remain in the foundations of houses in the town and around the lake shore. The three buildings pictured on the following pages are of special significance.

CEMENT-BLOCK FACTORY, cont.



5716 Shaw Street

Significance: 5716 Shaw Street, Haslett, Michigan. Now the home of Gary Huffman, this structure was built in 1907 by Lee Kuhn with various shaped and textured cement blocks from his factory. Even the porch pillars are made of poured cement. Township treasurer Noel Miller bought the house from the McGiverons in 1945 and sold it to the present owners.

CEMENT-BLOCK FACTORY, cont.



1529 Haslett Road

Significance: 1529 Haslett Road, Haslett, Michigan. After a frame structure on this site which housed the post office burned in 1908, this cement-block building was erected by the Elliott family. The post office remained in the building until 1957. Marry Elliott, currently living at 1541 Haslett Road, served as postmistress in this structure from 1915 to 1954. For many years a grocery was operated in connection with the post office. The building is now vacant.

CEMENT-BLOCK FACTORY, cont.



5848 Potter Street

Significance: 5848 Potter Street, Haslett, Michigan. Now the home of Ralph Smith, this home was constructed by Lee Kuhn with cement-blocks from his factory in 1907. The house has changed little except for the enclosure of the porch.

Bibliographical References: Meridian Township tax lists; Evelyn H. Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area..., pp. 27-28, 55-57, 65; verbal data supplied by Mary Elliott, other early residents, the Gary Huffmans, and the Ralph Smiths. Mrs. Raphael stated that Lee Kuhn built his factory in 1920's (p. 65), but she also said that the new Babbitt store which appears to be built of similar block was built around 1910 (p.57). Although the tax records unfortunately no longer exist in the township for many of the years in this period, an early resident, Mary Elliott, remembers clearly that the post office which her family built in 1911 was built of cement-blocks from that factory, so Mrs. Raphael's 1920 figure appears to be in error. Meridian Township voting list which started recording registered voters in the 1880's indicated that Lee Kuhn first registered as a voter in 1904.

YWCA CAMP

Common Name: YWCA Camp

Location: 6379 E. Reynolds Road,
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: Mr. Robert Brundage
6365 Reynolds Road, Haslett.

Legal Description: Lot 49 and
50 Supervisors Plat Meridian
Township.

Condition: Fairly good on
original site.

Physical Appearance: Large two-
story white building with attic.
The structure has a gray-shingled
hip roof, three corner windows
in front and back, and a large
screen porch facing the lake.

Significance: Preceding the turn
of the century, Pine Lake was a
fashionable summer resort. During
these years many prominent families
built summer cottages there, most
of them on the north shore. The
most impressive of these was this
large summer home of the R. E. Olds
family built on the "bluff." A
smaller cottage, which had been used
by the family on this site, was
moved and the above structure was
built about 1904.

The land on which these two
structures stand was originally
part of the Smith Farm on the
north shore of Pine Lake; the
property was later owned by George
Northrup. According to the deeds,
R. E. Olds and Chris Rouse bought
part of the Northrup property
on March 21, 1903. Shortly
thereafter R. E. Olds built a
large summer cottage and barn
on the property. On October
25, 1915, Ranson and Metta Olds
donated these structures to the
YWCA for the use of a summer
camp.



YWCA CAMP, cont.

Another structure, called the Scott cottage, was built sometime prior to 1903 on property adjoining the Olds lot. About 1906 this house was purchased for a summer home by Richard Scott, a business associate and friend of R. F. Olds. On May 21, 1923, Scott, following the lead of Olds, donated his property to the YWCA.



Under YWCA management Camp Mettamiga, named in honor of Mrs. Olds, became a major summer recreation center for YWCA members. Mrs. Olds took much interest in the camp, and when she and her husband died, they willed a total of \$20,000 for its maintenance. Although of sturdy structure, the Olds cottage was never insulated for year round use and had only cold running water in the bathrooms. In early years overnight outings were held there, and later it was a day camp for young girls. The older, winterized, Scott cottage housed the caretaker for the camp.

On July 5, 1973 these structures were sold to Robert Brundage.

Bibliographical References: Verbal data from Mrs. C. S. Roe (daughter of R. E. Olds), Mrs. C. B. Gardner, and Mr. Maurice Scott (son of Richard Scott); Ms. Mary Aikey and other YWCA officials and employees (October 1974 and April 1975); Ingham County Registered Deeds, Liber 45, p. 330; Meridian Tax Assessment Lists, passim; Evelyn H. Raphael, A History of the Haslett-Lake Lansing Area, p. 50.

THE DELLS

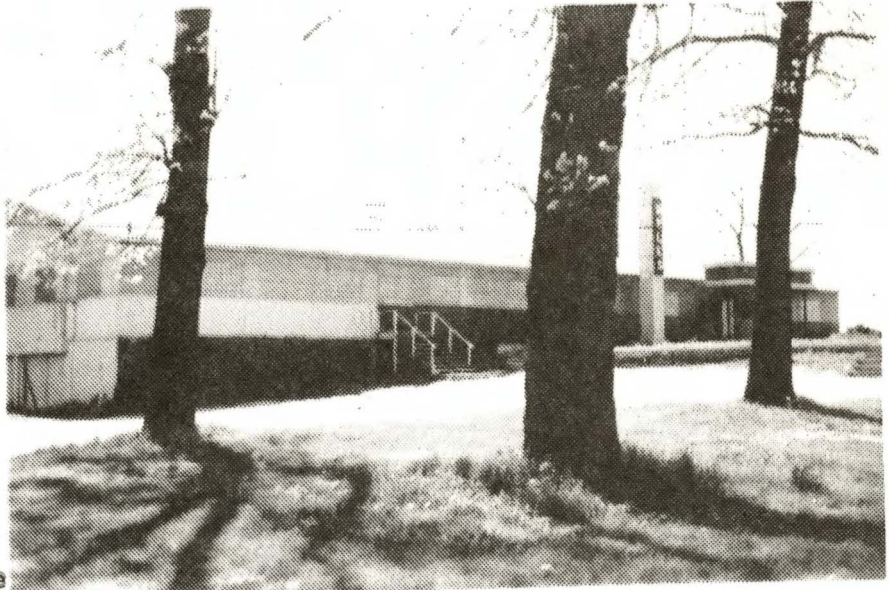
Common Name: The Dells

Location: 6336 West Lake Dr.
Haslett, Michigan

Owner: R. E. Sprague and
Mrs. William A. Sprague,
6329 West Lake Dr.,
Haslett, Michigan

Legal Description: Blk. 1 of
Hickory Grove Park, part of
NE 1/4 of Section 3.

Physical Appearance: Large
rectangular steel and concrete
building.



Significance: The Dells, located on the north shore of Lake Lansing, continues a century-long era of resort activities. The property on which it stands was originally patented from the government January 17, 1837, by Edward Eno. Later owners include George Culver, who bought the property in 1855, Charles Smith who took over in 1859; and Richard Reynolds, for whom Reynolds Road is named, who became the owner in August, 1868. According to Samuel Durant, who in 1880 wrote a full account of the activities in this area, Thomas Bateman bought the property in 1870 and was the first person to furnish boats for the public. As Durant describes it - and the title abstract substantiates his story - "R. W. Surby bought the land from Bateman and also his interest in the boating business, and erected the first building for the accommodation of the public in 1870. In 1871 he built a hall which was subsequently torn down to give room for the present commodious one. In 1873, George W. Northrup became a partner with Mr. Surby in the enterprise and the firm put up the frame of the 'Lake House' and erected a barn. In the fall of 1874, Surby sold his interest to Northrup and Origin Hardy became the partner of the latter. Under their administration the hotel [i.e. the Pine Lake House which later became known as Palmer's Road House] was completed and the remainder of the buildings on the grounds were erected."

Before long the Hardy Brothers had complete control over the property and built a thriving business. In April, 1879, Origin and Anson Hardy bought out George Northrup's interest in the property for \$2,500, and three years later in 1882, Northrup sold another 20 acres to Hardy for \$550. According to The History of Ingham and Eaton Counties by Durant, the Hardys had "25 or 30 row and sail boats, and intend to put on a pleasure steamer in the spring of 1881." A small lake steamer brought from Lansing had been launched in 1876 and pieces from this boat were used to build a new boat for the Hardys. Durant described the property at this point as consisting of "an extensive hotel, a dance hall, two barns, an ice house, bath-house, etc. with swings and other attractive features, all situated in a fine grove of oak and hickory timber. The place is well patronized through the warm season, as many as six thousand people have been on the grounds at one time. Boating and fishing facilities are excellent." Since Durant was a visitor at this scene while doing his research for his

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book, his descriptions have credibility. Contemporary accounts from the newspapers also confirm the vigorous leadership of the Hardy brothers in recreation activities during the eight years of their ownership.

Near the end of the 1880's the property again changed hands. James Haslett bought the entire resort -- 25.39 acres and 20 acres -- from the Hardy brothers for \$9,500 on May 5, 1887, for the use of the Spiritualist's summer program. During these years the "Belle Haslett," a steamer capable of carrying 150 passengers which the Hardy brothers had launched in 1881, provided rides on the lake, met trains at the town dock on the south shore, and was a main source of transportation across the lake for the Pine Lake House residents who attended the Spiritualist camp meetings each August. After the deaths of James and Sarah Haslett, their son Frank rented the property to various operators and sold part of it in 1908. As Evelyn H. Raphael shows, the area continued as a main recreation center for the surrounding territory at the turn of the century and beyond. H. H. Hammond and Cliff Foster managed Pine Lake House until 1900 at which time William McGiveron, an experienced hotel manager, took over until 1910.

Unfortunately the days of Pine Lake House itself were numbered. Joseph Palmer, proprietor of a restaurant in Lansing, acquired the property in August, 1924, and built a new recreation hall called The Dells east of the old Pine Lake House. About the same time, he remodelled the Pine Lake House, renaming it Palmer's Road House. At the "Grand Opening" of the newly built Dells on May 30, 1924, the Capital News noted that hotel accommodations could be had at "the new Road House [the old Pine Lake House] which is just a step from the new dance pavilion. This road house is in fact, a summer resort hotel featuring a large dining room and good dance floor. There are comfortable rooms above for those who wish to come and stay for a night, a week or a season." Unfortunately on March, 1929, the Road House and some other buildings were destroyed by fire. This fire was one of the first runs of the newly organized Haslett Fire Department and, interestingly, the first run for firefighters, William and R. E. Sprague, who were to buy the property from the Palmers years later.

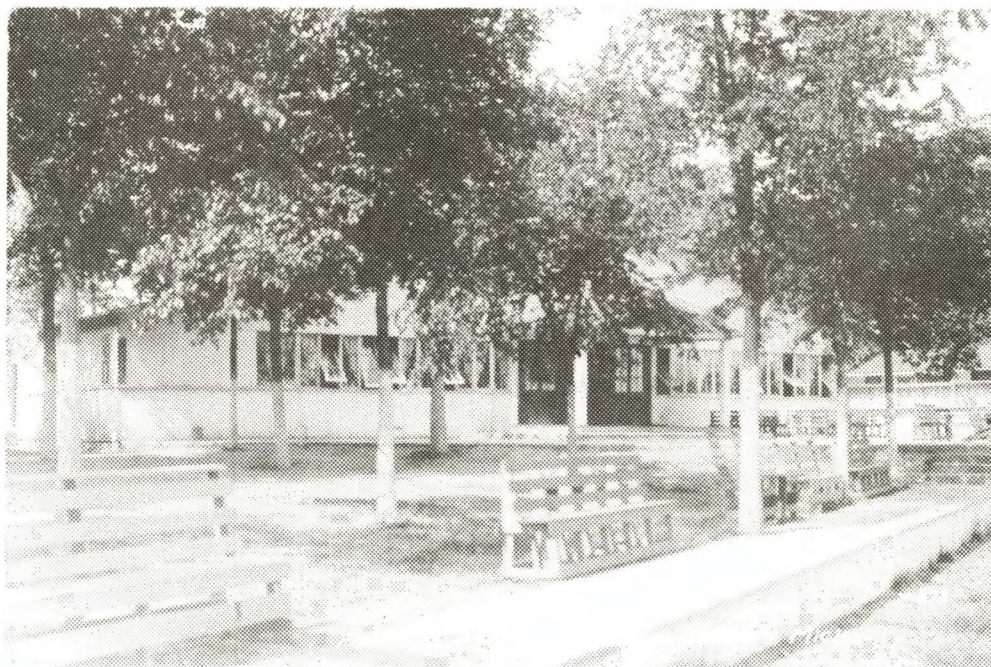
During the "roaring twenties" and the early 1930's, The Dells became one of the leading ballrooms in Michigan and was the first public ballroom in Michigan to put in air-conditioning (1936). Palmer Park, as the general recreation area was called, featured boating, swimming, basketball, and tobogganing, as well as dancing. This was the era of the big bands and many "balltes of the bands" took place at the Park.

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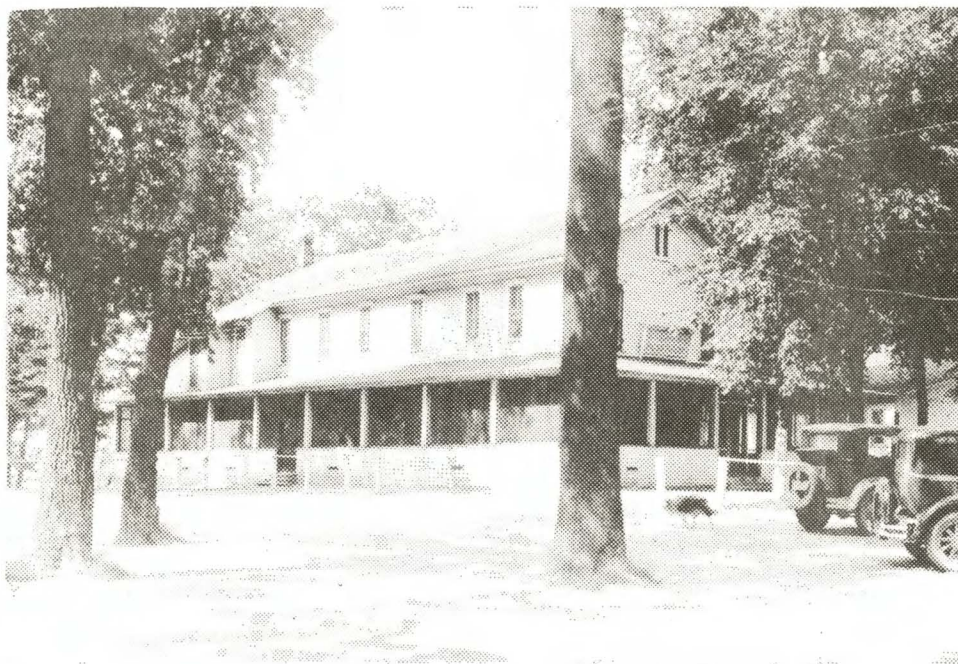


Palmer's Road House (formerly the Pine Lake House) as it appeared in the late 1920's. The upper front porch of the old Pine Lake House had been removed, the entire lower porch was enlarged and extended along the side, and an addition was made at the rear of the building. The newly-built Dells can be seen through the trees at the extreme right of the picture.



THE DELLS, as it appeared in the late 1920's

THE DELLS (cont.)



Another view of the Dells in the late 1920's



Palmer's Park at Pine Lake in the 1920's

THE DELLS (cont.)

The Dells advertised that they had the largest ballroom in Michigan and the list of name bands and well-known entertainers who appeared there seem to verify its claim to fame. Among others, they included:

Ted Weems and his orchestra to whom you could dance for 75¢ admission
Ben Bernie and his orchestra
Jan Garber and his orchestra
Gary Gross and his Recording Orchestra
Lee Bennett and his "Cornhuskers from Nebraska"
Ray McKinley and his band
Stoffer's Pennsylvanians
Noble Sissle and his International Orchestra
Earl Hines and his 13 "Colored Artists"
Stutz Anderson and his Harlem Shufflers
Stan Stanley and his Greater Recording Orchestra from Columbia Broadcasting Company
Ray Miller and his Brunswick Recording Orchestra
Isham Jones and his Brunswick Recording Orchestra, who claimed to be the favorite orchestra of the Prince of Wales and were chosen by the Prince for his dance music.
Don Pedro and his Broadcasting Band from Chicago
The House of David Band, "Long haired Sheiks of Jazz"
Coon-Sanders Original Nighthawks from Victor Records
Joe Cappel and his Famous Egyptian Serenaders
The Bricktops, "America's Greatest Girl Band" from New York
Vincent Lopez Debutantes, an all-girl band except for their leader.
Singing star Rudy Vallee and his band
Fifi D'Orsay, singer and dancer from Hollywood
Vivian Spivey, popular blues singer and dancer and one of the stars in the movie "Hallelujah" with her Brunswick record band.
Rose and Joe Morache, Chicago's "Charleston Champs"
and last but not least, "Ozzie Nelson and his Orchestra with Harriet Hilliard" could be seen at The Dells for \$1.00 plus 10¢ tax.

Palmer Park was also the setting for some movie making. In 1927, scenes for the movie "A Taxi Romance" were made there.

Along with the ballroom dancing, this era was famous for marathons of all types, and The Dells helped promote these activities. Besides dancing endurance contests, they featured milking marathons, rocking chair marathons, stilt walking marathons, and pole sitting marathons, and the prizes won by some of these contestants ranged as high as a Durant Sports Roadster.

One of the more spectacular pole sitting contests was that of Betty Fox, a Wisconsin co-ed, who sat on a pole atop the Hollister Building on the corner of Washington and Allegan in Lansing for 127 hours and 3 1/2 minutes. Palmer Park, along with a number of Lansing business firms, "sponsored" her and thousands came to

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see her and watch her descent. According to the account, Miss Mildreth March from Melba Beauty Shop "displayed great courage and a steady nerve" in climbing to the top of the pole to dress the hair of Miss Fox before her descent. Immediately following her descent, she slept in public view in the Jury Rowe Company store and 13,088 persons passed through the store to watch her sleeping. The day following her descent she challenged some local young women to a swimming contest at Palmer Park and nearly 4,000 people witnessed this contest. Miss Fox won but a local girl was awarded "first prize" for her win over the local contestants.

With the great depression of the 1930's, the era of the expensive big dance bands gradually came to an end and again The Dells changed ownership. William A. Sprague and his son R. E. Sprague purchased the property May 21, 1947. Although the outside of The Dells has the same general shape as it had originally, it has undergone some remodelling as the pictures indicate. Beginning in 1957, Don Wilson and brothers George and Theodore Grabowski held the property for a short while but it reverted again to Spragues who now run the property as a night club.

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LAKE LANSING AMUSEMENT
PARK STRUCTURES

Common Name: Lansing Amusement Park

Location: Ingham County Park, northeast corner of Marsh and Lake Lansing Roads.

Owner: Ingham County

What has been known for much of the twentieth century as the Lake Lansing Amusement Park was once a farm and a center of Spiritualist activity. In 1882 the area was part of the 195 acre John Heimerdinger farm. By 1883, S. L. Shaw had purchased the east 100 acres along the lake shore on which he platted the Village of Nemoka. Part of that plat was reserved for a Spiritualist camp. As newspaper accounts show, camp meetings were first held there in August of 1883. Buildings for the meetings were constructed in the grove of trees near Pine Lake Road (now Marsh Rd.) and the acreage nearer the shore of the lake was used for recreation activities and tenting. In the early 1890's, James Haslett became active in the Spiritualist movement and purchased the property from the Shaws. The area eventually became known as "Haslett Park," and despite the death of James Haslett prior to 1896, the Spiritualists remained active there through the turn of the century.

During the early 1900's, emphasis on Spiritualist activities decreased and the use of the park for recreation increased under the supervision of a series of new proprietors. After 1910, owners Thomas and John Reid built the original roller coaster, which was remodeled and enlarged in the mid-twenties by the Bay Trust Company, owner of the property at that time. By the 1940's, owner William A. Sprague developed the property into a full-blown amusement center. It was at this time that the famous

LAKE LANSING AMUSEMENT PARK STRUCTURES, cont.

merry-go-round with its beautifully carved wooden horses was added to the park. In 1955 the Spragues sold the property to the Lake Lansing Amusement Corporation, and in 1974 Ingham County bought the property from still another corporation, Lake Lansing Park, Inc. The County is now in the process of rebuilding the area for public use. The following pages contain pictures of the main structures in the old Lake Lansing Amusement Park.



The Dodgem

Significance: The Dodgem. This building was built in the early 1930's of lumber taken from the original speaker's stand erected in 1883 for the Nemoka Camp Meeting Association, a Spiritualist group at Pine Lake. According to a contemporary account in the Lansing Republican of August 1, 1883, concerning the activities of the Spiritualists, "a speaker's stand has been built in cottage style with shingle roof and seats placed for many thousand [sic] people at the Nemoka grounds at Pine Lake." One of our prominent residents, Orlo Elliott, remembers attending meetings in this building when he was a child. That original building, he recalled, faced west, was no longer than it was wide, had six or seven steps, and was eventually put on large piers to alleviate its sagging. It was enclosed, had windows, had good flooring, and was used frequently for dances. Later when the amusement park was developed south of the Spiritualist area, the speaker's stand was torn apart, moved piecemeal to the present location, and used to construct the Dodgem building.



The Carousel

Significance: The Carousel. This many-sided building was constructed in 1942-43 by Mr. William A. Sprague and his son R. E. Sprague, former owners of the amusement park, to house the merry-go-round which was purchased from the Aurora Exposition Fairgrounds in Aurora, Illinois. The last of the carousels built by William Dentzell, this unusually fine merry-go-round with its beautifully carved wooden horses delighted youngsters and their parents for many years in this area. The carousel itself was sold to the amusement park at Cedar Point, Ohio, in 1971, and now the building stands vacant.

LAKE LANSING AMUSEMENT PARK STRUCTURES (cont.)



Machine Shop

Significance: The Machine Shop. This rectangular building was constructed by the Spragues in 1937 for use as a store house and machine shop.

LAKE LANSING AMUSEMENT PARK STRUCTURES, (cont.)



The Roller Coaster

Significance: The Roller Coaster. This vast wooden structure which lay between the Spiritualist camp of 1883 and the early amusement park was built by former owners Thomas and John Reid after 1910 and was enlarged and remodeled in the mid-1920's by the Bay Trust Company, owner of the park at that time. The structure became unsafe, and Ingham County removed it in rebuilding the park.

LAKE LANSING AMUSEMENT PARK STRUCTURES (cont.)



The Ice House

Significance: The Ice House. This cement-block ice house is the oldest building in the park area in its original form. Orlo Elliott recalls that the building was in use in 1898, and as a boy he helped put ice from the lake into the building. Mrs. William Sprague knows of no change in the ice house during the time of their ownership of the property. At present, the structure is in very poor condition.

LIFE IN EARLY HASLETT-LAKE LANSING

Although there was some settlement near Lake Lansing prior to 1870, the main growth in the community came in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The following excerpts and notes taken from contemporary newspapers provide a glimpse into the activities around the lake and in the village of Haslett during these early years. The titles of the Lansing newspapers vary during the 1880's as the reader will notice.*

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

--May 6, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "A Sunday school was organized in the new M.E. Church May 2. -- A steam saw-mill is being erected on the Stevens farm. This makes the third mill located at the lake. -- The Hardys are putting their boats and grounds in order for the picnic season. There are frequent violations of the fish law, and on the night of May 3 four boatloads of men were on the lake, armed with spears and aided by torches. -- The proprietors of the Pine Lake hotel have purchased of Mr. Hermidinger [sic] the old Hubbard house at the south end of the lake, and have removed it by piecemeal to their grounds on the north end. -- Oats are nearly all in, and the farmers are improving the warm weather with plow and harrow." LRT

--May 13, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "On May 6 a train on the Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad ran over and killed several hogs belonging to F. Stevens. The report is being circulated that the spiritualists and liberalists are negotiating with Mr. Hemidinger [sic] for the site formerly occupied by Mr. Hubbard at the south end of the lake for a camp ground. S. F. Seager and family of Lansing have been spending a few days here boating and fishing. -- Crops are booming." LRT

--May 27, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "In connection with the postoffice, Edward Elliott has built a substantial two-story frame store in which he has placed a stock of groceries, provisions, drugs, etc. -- There are frequent violations of the law to prevent stock from running at large. -- Corn planting is nearly over in this section. -- The lake has become a noted watering place within the last few days, owing to the fact that sheep-washing business is brisk." LRT

*Lansing Republican Tri-Weekly will be designated as LRT; Lansing Republican Weekly will be designated as LRW; The State Republican will be designated as SR.

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

--June 1, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "There has been a misunderstanding between the railroad company and Postmaster Elliott in regard to the delivery of the mail at the postoffice, and on May 24 no mail was received. Mr. Chamberlain has been engaged by the company to carry the mail between train and postoffice, and no further trouble is anticipated. --The people of this place took part in the Decoration Day exercises at Bath on Saturday. The procession formed in the morning in front of Mr. Clark's store. It was headed by a band of music, next came 50 little girls dressed in white, followed by the Odd Fellows, there being nearly 300 people in line. They marched to a nearby grove near the cemetery, where services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Norton, after which the line of march was extended to the cemetery, where the children decorated the soldiers graves." LRW

--June 26, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "Hardy Brothers are building a large barn, 22 by 70 feet. -- Farmers are nearly through cultivating corn and have begun haying in good earnest. -- A rattle snake 3 1/2 feet long, having 18 rattles, was killed on the farm of Arthur Carlton, June 19. -- August 18 a union picnic will be held at Pine Lake, including all Sunday schools in Bath, Langsburg [sic] and Meridian. A cornet band has been engaged for the occasion." LRW

--July 8, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "The glorious 4th was a monotonous day at the lake, owing to celebrations at Lansing, Williamston, and other places. There was but light attendance at the social party given by Hardy Brothers. -- Sneak thieves broke into Mrs. Bateman's house last week and helped themselves to canned fruit, etc. -- L. C. Blood, Ephrain Longyear, and families are boating and fishing at the lake. -- Harvesting has commenced." LRW

--July 21, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "Mr. Budd, hostler at Pine Lake hotel was severely kicked by a horse a few days ago. -- During a thunder shower on the morning of July 13 two trees were struck by lightning near the road at the north end of the lake. --Oats and other standing grains have been so badly lodged that they will have to be cut with a scythe. -- The farmer's wives and daughters have had to assist in the harvest fields on account of the scarcity of help. Mrs. Jeffers has done most of her husband's reaping with a machine, and Miss Weisner carried together and helped draw from the field the wheat from 14 acres. She is 17 years old. -- Mrs. James Fletcher who was taken to the asylum for insane last spring, has returned home slightly improved in health. -- Many visitors were at the lake the past week. On Thursday Judge Huntington and party from Mason spent the day here. A. H. Whitehead and family were also here. The latter gentleman caught about 50 pounds of fish, among them a five-pound bass. He placed them on a string and fastened them to the stern of his boat. While rowing ashore the string broke and he was forced to depart fishless. He was heard to murmur, 'I wouldn't have taken \$15.00 for that string of fish.' -- Col. F. Schneider, Mr. Herman G. Zeigler, and Dr. Wendt came here on Saturday and pitched their tent for a four day sojourn. On Sunday a party of fast young men from Lansing visited the lake and brought with them a large quantity of 'bottled inspirations.' -- The Hardy Brothers are about to build a fine bath-house on the shore of the lake." LRW

--August 4, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "Wheat is turning out better than was expected. -- For the past week the shores of the lake have presented an animated appearance, many pleasure seekers, bringing their tents and camping out. Among them were Clark and Lewis of North Lansing with their families, and A. E. Cowles and a select party of friends. -- The bath-house spoken of last week is progressing finely. George Northrup has the contract for doing the work. The building will be about four rods from the shore. -- Elder Jacobes is visiting friends here." LRW

--August 11, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "One day last week while returning from Lansing, O. Hardy was thrown from his wagon and received slight injuries. His team took fright and ran about a mile, unloading along the road his Lansing purchases. -- Mrs. George Culver had a paralytic stroke, and doubts are had of her recovery. Mr. Culver and wife are old residents of this place. He is 87 years old and his wife 77. They have kept house and performed most of their farm work until this summer. -- Dreakell's opera house and band has been engaged on the afternoon and evening of August 20, to furnish music for a harvest dance to be held at Pine Lake Hall. -- Jack Smith, recently, while fishing at Round Lake situated on J. N. Smith's farm, caught an eel weighing nearly 5 pounds. This is the first fish of the kind ever known to have been caught in this vicinity and has caused considerable excitement. -- R. M. Cadwell has gone to Kalkaska county to buy farms for his two sons who have reached their majority and want to start in the world. -- Corn looks well in this vicinity and most farmers have finished cutting their oats." LRW.

--August 18, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "The Chicago and Grand Trunk railway company is putting an extension of 800 feet side-track opposite the depot. -- The summer term of Carl district school closed last Friday. -- Mr. Mallory from Detroit, in company with Lansing friends, is spending a few days here, hunting and fishing. -- There is a chance for missionary work among the roughs who engaged in horse-racing on Sunday in the vicinity of the lake. -- Mr. Raviller's cider mill is in full blast. -- The rains of the past week have been of great benefit to the corn and late potatoes. -- Large numbers of ducks are beginning to flock to the lake, and hunters are anxiously waiting for the game law to expire." LRW.

--August 25, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "H. W. Squires and family are spending a few days at the lake. -- The harvest dance was not largely attended. -- Mrs. George Culver, who had a stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago, is slowly improving in health. -- There were four picnic parties here last Saturday. There will be Sunday school picnics this week from Lansing, Woodhull, and Mason. -- The Sunday school here at the lake is in a thriving condition, with an average attendance of about 50 scholars." LRW

--August 25, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "S. S. Convention." -- "At the Union school convention August 18, there was the largest crowd of people assembled at the lake this season. Eleven schools were represented, as follows: Woodhull No. 1; Bath No. 3, Bath No. 10 M.E.; Bath Station Baptist; Bath Station, M.E.; Bath No. 2, M.E.; Rose Church, Free Will Baptist; Gunnison district, Pine Lake Union, Meridian No. 7 Baptist; and Lansing Free Will Baptist. The procession headed by the Bath cornet band arrived at the lake about 10 a.m. -- The Rev. Newton of Bath delivered a short address declaring the object of the gathering to be the advancement of Sunday school work. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hill of Bath, followed by music by the Rose Church choir. Brief addresses were made.... There was sweet singing by a party of little girls from Bath M.E. church. A collection was taken for the band which amounted to \$20. From the seats at the dinner tables it was estimated that at least 1,500 people were present." LRW

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--September 8, 1880 - "Pine Lake" -- "At the social held August 31 at the residence of Mrs. Bateman, for the benefit of the M. E. Church, \$6 was realized. --A Sunday school picnic from Lansing and Delta was here last Wednesday, and numbered about 500. William H. Tubbs and Mr. Phillips of Williamston were in this vicinity hunting September 1, and among other game shot 14 prairie chickens...." LRW

--November 16, 1881 - "Pine Lake" -- "A few nights ago a party of tramps took a hog from the pen of Charles Foster and indulged in an old-fashioned barbecue. -- The Chicago and Grand Trunk railway company is building a new engine-house at this place, the old one having been destroyed by fire a short time since. -- Several hunters in the vicinity have gone to the woods to look for deer. -- The young people have organized a lyceum and a dramatic company is being formed. -- Henry Stevens is dangerously ill with typhoid fever." LRW

--November 30, 1881 - "Pine Lake" -- "The cold weather of last week has frozen the lake completely over to the depth of three inches. -- The new school house in the Rose district is completed and school commenced November 23. T. Stevens is teacher. -- It is becoming fashionable for young ladies to smoke cigarettes on their return home from evening singing school. --Old Mr. Holcomb, father of Mrs. Thomas Cade, is dangerously ill. -- Fred Weisner is attending German school at Lansing. -- On account of poor health Arthur Carlton has resigned the superintendency of the Sunday school." LRW

--January 4, 1882 - "Pine Lake" -- "At the musical festival held in the M. E. Church, December 23, over 200 presents were given, many of them of considerable value. -- The ice in the lake has broken up, and torch and spear are in general use. -- The hard times do not seem to affect the farmers of this vicinity, as eight barns, seven houses, and one school house have been built during the past year. -- The lynx spoken of in a recent issue of the Republican is frequently seen on the east side of the lake near the pines." LRW

--March 15, 1882 - "Jack Smith sold his farm to Marion Smith for \$2,300. The Hardy Brothers are underbushing and clearing out the woods west of the grove, making more room for pleasure seekers. The torch and spear are busy, and ducks are beginning to flock into the lake. -- A party of trappers have camped on Hickory land [island] and have been successful in getting quite an amount of mink and muskrat." LRW

--April 5, 1882 - "Fifteen emigrant trains passed through here last week going west. -- The warm weather and wind are fast making good roads." LRW

--April 19, 1882 - "The first picnic of the season visited the lake on April 9." LRW

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--May 3, 1882 - Names four men including Ed Sparrow who are spending the week at the lake duck hunting and have been successful in getting a large amount of game. --"Adventist meetings are being held at "Pine Lake school-house." LRW

--May 31, 1882 - "Business at the lake is booming. -- A select party of Lansingites with their wives were rained in two days last week. -- Parties will visit the lake this week from Lansing, Mason, Williamston, and Ovid. -- William McGiveron speared over 100 pounds of fine 'bass' last Friday night. -- Ave Harris has traded farms with Mrs. Green of Bath. -- Real estate is very lively here, six farms having changed hands in this immediate vicinity this spring. -- There has been a good deal of talk about the Spiritualists coming here, but as near as we can find out no property has exchanged hands although there is much wind blowing." LRW

--June 28, 1882 - "Party of Lansing ladies visited the lake last Saturday for a goose and duck picnic. -- The goose was served up in grand style but the 'duckling' being cold, was not partaken of with quite so good a relish, as some of the ladies testified after the hard shower in the afternoon. -- Some of the young men, who visit the lake, bring their bottled inspiration with them, and the result is generally a high old time. Could their horses, driven over sandy roads during the heat, but speak, they would plead for more humanity on the part of their drivers." LRW

--July 12, 1882 - "Rev G. B. Stocking's oration at the lake on July Fourth gave excellent satisfaction. There were no accidents, and about 2,000 people were present. -- Last Sunday two bicyclists left Ovid at about 8 o'clock and arrived here at 10 o'clock. The distance is 20 miles. -- Harvest will commence next week." LRW

--July 12, 1882 - (Under Okemos) -- "The Okemos school held a picnic at Pine Lake last week." LRW

--July 26, 1882 - "Harvest is in full blast. -- A company of people from Chicago have engaged board at the lake for a few weeks." LRW

--August 2, 1882 - "The Adventists are preparing to hold tent meetings on the bank of T.F. Davis' mill pond." LRW

--August 9, 1882 - "The stormy weather the past week has been a dampener on picknickers. -- The agricultural college band spent a day here recently and enlivened the drooping spirits of the farmers with their excellent music. -- Last Saturday lightning struck the lake a few yards from shore and raised an island -- a curiosity." LRW

--August 23, 1882 - "Threshing has commenced...." LRW

--August 30, 1882 - "A lively party from Ovid is encamped on the east side and 'make the wild woods echo with the anthems' Thursday of this week there were Sunday-school pupils here from Okemos, and on Saturday from Stockbridge, picnicking." LRW

--September 6, 1882 - "This week excursions from Morrice, Shaftsbury, and Perry will visit the lake." LRW

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--November 22, 1882 - "There is quite a crop of sneak thieves in this vicinity. George Van Atta and F. Stevens lost honey boxes and Charles Foster lost nearly a barrel of pork. The picnic season has closed. It has been a profitable one.

--Old residents say they have never seen as many ducks in the lake as there are this fall. They come in flocks every evening in numbers which fairly make the lake black." LRW

--December 6, 1882 - "The Sunday school convention was a grand success and 200 persons were present." A permanent organization was formed and will hold quarterly meetings throughout the township." LRW

--March 14, 1883 - "The Sunday school convention of Bath Township held at this place Sunday was a grand success, over 400 persons being present.... Since the spiritualists have purchased their summer resort, land around the lake is booming. There is hardly a farmer but what has had offers for his land." LRW

--March 28, 1883 - "Jop Carl, who is the oldest settler between Pine Lake and Lansing, has sold his farm and will move out of the Township this spring. Fifty friends gave him a surprise party and presented him with a beautiful set of silver knives and forks and a silver cake basket.

--May 2, 1883 - "Pine Lake school spring session was unable to open because no one could be found to teach. -- Among other improvements going on there the C. & G. T. railroad company has established a telegraph office and is about to begin the erection of a depot building. -- The spiritualists have begun work at Nemoka, and the prospects now are that there will soon be quite a village there. -- Farm labor is very hard to be had, good hands commanding \$20 to \$22 per month. Quite a number of leading farmers have sent to England for cheap labor." LRW

--June 13, 1883 - "There will be a fourth of July celebration at this place consisting of music, boat racing, diving, etc. with fireworks in the evening. -- The spiritualists have not yet begun operations but rumor says that they will soon.... -- Capital grange, with a band of music will hold its annual picnic today." LRW

--June 19, 1883 - "Pine Lake" - "The next quarterly meeting of the M.E. church for Bath district will be held at Pine Lake Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1. -- The spiritualists have begun the improvement of the summer resort, and are fencing in about 10 acres with a high barbed-wire fence. They are clearing out the wood lot, making a grove, and are putting up two buildings, one for a speaker's stand, the other an office building at the main entrance to the grounds, where an entrance fee will be charged. -- T. L. Hutton, the telegraph operator, has fitted up a boarding house near the depot where he expects to accommodate pleasure seekers with day board. -- The Germans of Delhi have engaged Hardy's grove, boats, etc. for a grand picnic on Tuesday. -- The Rev. A. J. Davis has been engaged to deliver the oration here on the Fourth. -- During the few days of pleasant weather last week the farmers were busily engaged in cultivating their corn. -- You could not get a farmer in this vicinity to swap his sand for clay. --Wheat, oats, and hay look well; and there is no end to potato bugs and mosquitoes." LRT

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

--July 4, 1883 - Heavy rains have destroyed a number of bridges and carried them away. "James Millard of Lansing is sawing off and trimming out the tops of the large oak trees at Nemoka and when completed there will be a very pretty grove at the south end of the lake. -- Among other amusements on the 4th will be a foot race through the lake in 18 inches of water." LRW

--July 11, 1883 - "The glorious Fourth was pleasantly celebrated. Early in the day a crowd began to gather and before noon there were fully 1,500 people on the grounds. No drunkenness was seen about the grounds, and the exercises seemed to give general satisfaction." LRW

--July 12, 1883 - "Pine Lake" - "Man Drowned" - "A sad accident occurred here last evening, which resulted in the drowning of a young man. Three young men, Fred Drake, John Lewis, and Wm Bishop, with ladies, came here July 11 from Ovid. They spent the day in amusement on the grounds and boating on the lake. In the afternoon while watching a young man bathe, Mr. Drake, one of the party said: 'If I could get that fellow to let me take his bathing suit, I would show him how to swim.' He soon after procured the suit and started out, after shoving a boat out ahead until some 15 or 20 rods from shore, making some fine movements in the water. The rest of the party were watching him from the deck of the steamer, anchored at the dock. Suddenly he was seen to sink, rise, and sink again. The second time he rose he shouted. Mr. Hardy heard the alarm, and with all possible haste jumped into a boat and was at the spot in a moment, but too late to render any help. The accident occurred about 4 p.m., but the body was not recovered until about 7 in the evening, when it was found in about 10 feet of water. The deceased was 30 years old, leaves father, mother, and a small child 5 years old. It is most likely the young man cramped, as he was an excellent swimmer. Pine Lake has been a pleasure resort for more than 15 years, but this is the first serious accident that ever occurred here." LRT

--August 1, 1883 - "The Nemoka Camp-Meeting" In this issue of the newspaper a "correction" denying that there will be any camp meeting "at the Nemoka grounds at Pine Lake." The correspondent is mistaken "for the Nemoka association has made arrangements to hold its first camp-meeting August 9 to August 27. The grove is being put in attractive shape, a speaker's stand has been built in cottage style with shingle roof and seats placed for many thousand people. A dining hall has been erected that is eighty feet long, and a number of temporary buildings will be constructed for the accommodations of all who may desire to come. One-half dozen cottages are now in the process of building. There is a fine hotel at the head of the lake, managed by Hardy Brothers. It is only two and a half miles to Okemos, where there are two hotels and many private houses that will be open to the public, and in addition there are 20 private houses in close proximity to the lake where families would be only too glad to entertain at a nominal price. There will be omnibuses running in the several directions at low rates. Therefore it will readily be seen that with the ample provisions on the grounds, all who come can be accommodated."

"Arrangements have been made for one and one-third fare over the following roads." Then followed a listing of names of many railroads, most of which were in Michigan but some as far west as Elkhart Indiana, and as far east as Toledo, Ohio. The rates were to be good from August 8 to August 28, 1883. Names of the speakers were given -- some from Wisconsin and some from Chicago. (On the same page of the newspaper appeared a description of a "spiritualist" meeting by an obvious skeptic.) LRW

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

--August 22, 1883 - "The sink hole just west of the depot went down more than three feet on Saturday evening, after the New York express went east, and although more than 100 carloads of gravel were drawn in, trains were unable to cross until Sunday evening.... The past week at Pine Lake park has been the busiest of the season. At the harvest party last Wednesday 94 numbers were sold, and on Saturday evening there were 130 meals furnished after 5 o'clock. Mr. Hardy has 16 hired girls besides plenty of outside help. yet it keeps them all busy to attend to the wants of the pleasure seekers. -- The camp meeting at Nemoka has not drawn very heavily during the past week, but on Sunday a.,. it was evident by the early clouds of rising dust that the prospect bid fair for a large crowd, and before noon more than 800 tickets were sold at the gate besides large numbers who came across the lake on the steamer. At 10 o'clock the meeting was called to order by A. Smith, of Sturgis. Professor F. Lyon then addressed the meeting on the subject of 'speculation v materialism.' Julia M. Walton and Wm. Stowe made short addresses, after which the meeting adjourned until after dinner. In the afternoon meeting J. M. Potter said there is a rumor that there has been a split between the Spiritualists and Liberalists but he did not believe such to be the case, this organization as yet had been but a temporary affair, but next Saturday a meeting would be called to organize a permanent society to be known as the Nemoka camp meeting association in which he invited Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Spiritualists, Liberalists and all free-thinkers and liberal minded people to unite. C. D. Farland of Rochester, New York, then addressed the meeting after which short speeches followed. During the coming week Hon. F. O. Willie of Madison, Wis., and J. P. Whitney of Milford, Michigan, will be here to address the meeting." LRW

--August 29, 1883 - "The spiritualists, after a three week's meeting, broke up August 27. The meeting passed off pleasantly and the advocates of modern spiritualism went home seemingly satisfied with the results of the meeting. There have been no new speakers during the past week, and the attendance of the third week of the meetings hardly exceeded that of the second week; the number of the entries at the gate on Sunday being only a little over 500. Mr. Shaw informed your correspondent that the whole number estimated to have attended the meeting since its commencement has been about 8,000 people. -- A meeting was called Saturday morning for the purpose of forming a permanent organization, but as there was quite a difference of opinion whether the society should be broad gauge or close communion, and the leaders of the meeting at Flint sending word that they would like to 'join drives' with the Nemoka organization, it was decided to postpone the conference until September 14, when a free three days meeting will be held to conclude further arrangements. -- The picnicians [sic] at Pine Lake still keep pouring in. This week there will be parties from Mason, Lansing, Williamston, and on Friday a grand Masonic picnic from DeWitt." LRW

(In the same issue of the newspaper a special picnic was reported as follows;)

"J. N. Smith's Picnic" -- "The friends of J. N. Smith of Bath assembled at Pine Lake August 22 by invitation. The day opened dry and dusty, notwithstanding which it was evident before 10 o'clock that the invitation was accepted, and about 800 had gathered. The Williamston band (16 pieces) was on the ground early and rendered excellent music. It was expected the programme would begin at 10 o'clock but the non-appearance of the speakers detained the opening. About noon it was stated that owing to sickness of the speakers, O. M. Barnes of Lansing and Judge Chatterton of Mason would not appear, consequently the crowd went for the baskets, and by the looks of the well-fed tables which were numberously scattered throught the grounds, we should say that the friends of J. N. Smith were high livers, and well-fed." LRW

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

(August 29, 1883, cont.) "The wind blew very hard, and for a while it was thought unsafe to run any of the boats, but as it was after dinner the steamer and sail-boats were kept playing the rest of the day. The Bath glee club, under the direction of T. A. Stevens, did some fine singing and was highly applauded.

"Under the watchful and experienced eyes of Mr. Smith and his able and hospitable assistants, the Hardys, the vast throng of friends and acquaintances were made duly happy, and no accidents occurred to mar the festivities of the occasion.... The picnic was adjourned at about sundown, and the participants started for home perfectly happy, and showering congratulations and kindly wishes upon the heads of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith." LRW

--September 12, 1883 - "Mrs. Hannah Clark of Elkhart, Indiana, has purchased four lots at Nemoka for the purpose of building an old ladies home.... The picnic season at the Hardy's [is] about over this season, has proved a very successful one." LRW

--September 19, 1883 - "The Spiritualist meeting for the purpose of making a permanent organization, convened at Nemoka last Friday, but owing to the small number present no work was done until Saturday afternoon, when the meeting was called to order and the following officers elected: President, Dr. Dryer of Bath, vice president S. L. Shaw, Saranac; assistant vice president, M. Babcock, St. Johns; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. G. Mead, Mason; recording secretary Mrs. Gertrude Merrills, Lansing; treasurer [Mr.] G. G. Mead, Mason.... A constitution and by laws were drawn which will soon be printed. The friends of the movements seem confident of the ultimate triumph of their belief. The name adopted is the Nemoka Spiritualist association." LRW

--October 3, 1883 - "There is a sink-hole on the C. & G. T. railroad, half a mile west of Pine Lake depot, which is giving the company a great deal of trouble. It is only 100 feet long, and has gone down no less than eight times during the past four years. Fifteen acres of woods on each side of the track have been put in and sunk, and during the past six weeks 100 carloads of earth, and nearly the same amount of large pine logs have gone into the bottomless pit. It is watched night and day, and trains run very slow while crossing." LRW

(During the years of 1884 and 1885 almost nothing appeared in this newspaper on county affairs nor on the activities at Pine Lake. -- A few items in the column called "Okemos" or about city affairs indicated that the picnickers were still coming and the Spiritualists still active.)

--August 26, 1885 - (Okemos news) "The Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad company has decided to establish a depot at Pine Lake, and expect to build a ticket office and wheat house ready to be occupied by the first of September." LRW

--September 2, 1885 - (Okemos news) "The Spiritualist camp meeting at Nemoka, which has been in session the past few weeks, closed last Monday morning." LRW

FROM THE LANSING NEWSPAPERS

(The State Republican, which replaced the Lansing Republican, is void of county news and has little information on activities at Pine Lake.)

--June 28, 1886 (under City News) - "A Large boarding house is being erected on the Nemoka grounds at Pine Lake and numerous other improvements will be added. The annual Spiritualist camp meeting will begin there August 8 and hold over three Sundays." LSR

--July 6, 1886 - "The fourth of July celebration at Pine Lake is a gilded success." LSR

--August 10, 1886 (under "The City" news) - "The annual camp meeting of the Nemoka Society at Pine Lake is already pronounced a decided success. The grounds are dotted with tents and a large boarding house has been erected by S. L. Shaw. The steamer Lincoln makes frequent trips from Hardy Brothers, resort to the grounds.... The evenings are devoted to seances with the various test mediums present." LSR

--August 13, 1886, Friday -- "New arrivals are the order every day at the camp meeting of Nemoka Spiritualists at Pine Lake." LSR

--August 16, 1886 -- "Despite the large number of Lansing people at Pine Lake Sunday, the services on the grounds of the Nemoka Society were not as liberally attended as was expected." LSR

--August 26, 1889 -- (That camp meetings were still active in 1889 is shown by the following account:) "Yesterday was the closing Sunday of the Spiritualist camp meeting at Haslett Park. There was a large and orderly attendance. Mrs. Lillie, of Boston, spoke in the morning and afternoon from subjects given by the audience, giving each time an inspirational poem. Miss Nickerson sang three songs from subjects given in the same way." LSR

HASLETT PARK CAMP-MEETING BULLETIN.

(DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF SPIRITUALISM.)

VOL. 2.

JULY 26, 1888.

No. 2.

The Sixth Annual Camp-meeting of the Michigan Spiritualists will be held at "Haslett Park," commencing Thursday, July 26, and closing Monday, August 27, including five Sundays.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday, July 29.

- 10:00 A. M.—Welcome address by the presiding officer, G. H. Brooks, of Wisconsin.
10:30 A. M.—Dedication of new Auditorium, by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of Boston.
2:00 P. M.—Speech by the Hon. Wm. L. Bancroft, of Port Huron. Subject: "The Enterprise."
3:00 P. M.—Address by Mrs. Lillie.

Saturday, August 4.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Sunday, August 5.

- 10:30 A. M.—Address by Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
2:00 P. M.—Address by Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

Sunday, August 12.

- 10:30 A. M.—Address by Mrs. Nellie Baade, Capac.
2:00 P. M.—Address by Hon. A. B. French, of Clyde, Ohio.

Sunday, August 19.

- 10:30 A. M.—Address by Hon. Giles B. Stebbins, Detroit.
2:00 P. M.—Address by Mrs. E. C. Woodruff, South Haven.

Sunday, August 26.

- 10:30 A. M.—Address by Mrs. Carrie Firth, Coldwater.
2:00 P. M.—Address by Hon. F. M. Fogg, of Lansing. Subject: "Ancient and Modern Religions."

REGULAR DANCE FRIDAY EVENING OF EACH WEEK.

COMMITTEES.

Entertainments.

Mrs. S. S. Marcy, Lyons. Mrs. Tracy Merrill, Lansing. Mrs. W. O. Knowles, G. Rapids.

Decorations.

Mrs. M. J. Mead, Mason. Mrs. P. Payne, Maple Rapids. Mrs. A. E. Weter, Belding.
Mr. Guy Weter, Belding.

Music.

Mrs. Jas. H. Haslett, Port Huron. Miss Leta Buck, Lansing. Mrs. A. E. Sheets, G. Ledge.

Police.

O. H. Soules, Ionia. S. P. Buck, Lansing. E. Curtiss, Charlotte.

Reception.

Mrs. A. B. Spinney, Detroit. Hon. Jas. H. White, Pt. Huron. Mrs. A. W. Anthoney, Marengo.

Tents and Privileges.

C. B. Ketchum, Belding. Giles G. Tucker, Fowlerville.

The Objects.

The objects sought by Mr. Haslett in establishing and endowing Haslett Park are:

First. To offer an attractive resort for all disciples, professors or enquirers in regard to Spiritualism philosophically and religiously considered, or as to its material manifestations.

Second. A platform for teaching Spiritualism and for fair discussion of all subjects where truth and freedom shall be freely vindicated against error and superstition.

Third. A spot at once beautiful, convenient and easily accessible for outdoor meetings, open to all, and also for the enjoyment of parties seeking pleasure only.

Fourth. Homes for aged people and orphan children.

Fifth. A Sanitarium.

Sixth. An Art Gallery where shall be collected some of the choicest work in painting and flowers wrought by spirit hands.

Seventh. A mediums' home where all phases of mediumship can be made accessible to an investigating world.

Eighth. The establishment of a liberal school for the education of our children free from sectarian bias.

Ninth. A liberal library comprising all works, scientific or otherwise, pertaining to the spiritual philosophy.

While all proper effort will be steadily used by the management to render the Park self-sustaining, not one cent will ever inure to the profit of Mr. Haslett. Every dollar received will be sacredly set apart to the payment of ordinary expenses, and to improving the accommodations and adding to the attractions of the Park. And complete provisions have been made so that whenever Mr. Haslett may pass on to spirit life the entire property, together with a munificent endowment, will become absolutely the property of the corporation.

Mr. John M. Potter has been selected by Mr. Haslett as manager of the property, and he has the fullest confidence in the ability of Mr. Potter to give satisfaction to all visitors and patrons.

The Auditorium.

The Auditorium, for which a portion of the money was raised last year, is now in the process of construction. The building will be 60x96 ft. when

completed and will seat about 2,000 people. We expect to have it in readiness by the 20th of July. The regular dedicatory services will be held Sunday, July 29th. Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of Boston, will deliver the address upon that occasion. It was largely through the personal effort of Mrs. Lillie that we were enabled to construct the building for this season.

Haslett Park.

"Haslett Park," named after the good brother who has so kindly given aid to the enterprise that shall in all future years be devoted to the cause of Spiritualism, is a beautiful grove at the west shore of Pine Lake, one-half mile from the depot, consisting of about twenty acres timbered with oak, hickory, and elm, with a gentle slope back from the Lake about sixty rods to a gravelly or sandy ridge where stand the mighty oaks interspersed with smaller hickory with its beautiful foliage.



Lyceum.

The Presiding Officer, Prof. G. H. Brooks, has given Lyceum work his special attention during the past year, and will conduct a Lyceum at 10 A. M. each day, Sundays excepted.

Conference.

There will be a Conference each week day, subject to the call of the presiding officer, who will from time to time announce the speakers and ceremonies for each day's entertainment.

Classes.

Classes will be formed in Mental Philosophy, Psychometry, and Mediumship. A Reading Circle will also be established and placed under the direction at all times of proper and qualified persons.

Read this paper carefully and if it does not answer all questions please write to the manager, J. M. Potter, Pine Lake, Mich.

Music.

A Volunteer Band will be in attendance on Sunday, July 29, in full uniform. Good orchestra music will be furnished for each Friday evening dance. Vocal music will be supplied by well organized Glee Clubs as occasion requires.

Pine Lake.

Pine Lake is located seven and one-half miles northeast of Lansing, on the Chicago & Grand Trunk R. R. It is one and one-half miles long, and one mile wide, containing about one thousand acres. It is a clear and beautiful lake, supplied by excellent water from a subterranean passage, and has but one outlet, which flows to the Cedar and Grand rivers, which form a junction at Lansing. This lake is the famous resort for the Capital City, and is accessible to thirty other cities and villages by a drive of from one to three hours.

Lots and Cottages.

The plat of land associated with and a part of Haslett Park consists of about 100 acres. Two hundred and sixty-four lots have been platted, and about 60 have already been sold. Many very neat cottages have been constructed and others are in the process of construction. Those deserving of special mention are being built by Hiram Smith and E. A. Burgess, each to cost about one thousand dollars. Those wanting lots 4x8 rods can purchase them now and get a full warranty deed. For particulars concerning the same apply to J. M. Potter, Pine Lake.

Dining Hall.

The dining hall now erected at Haslett Park is 30x70 feet and will seat about 250 people. It will be in charge of an experienced caterer and good meals served for 25 cents.

The Pine Lake House, one mile from Haslett Park, will furnish rooms to the extent of its capacity, and good meals for \$1.50 per day. Those tenting or rooming elsewhere can be furnished board for \$1.00 per day.

Steamboat.

The steamboat Belle Haslett, now plying on Pine Lake, is a comparatively new boat, with a capacity of one hundred and fifty passengers. It is in charge of a competent engineer and will meet all regular and special trains on the C. & G. T. R. R., landing them at the Haslett Park dock and thence to the Pine Lake House, situated one mile from the Park at the north end of the Lake.

List of Prices.

Season tickets \$1.50. Single admission 10 cts per day. Teams 10 cts.

Day board at Haslett Park including room or tent \$1.00. Day board 75 cts.

Board and room at Pine Lake House \$1.50 per day; day board \$1.00.

Tenting privilege \$1.50 where you furnish your own tent.

A good 10x12 tent with floor will be furnished at \$8.00 per season. For three weeks \$6.00. For two weeks \$5.00. For one week \$4.00. For over Sunday \$2.50. These tents are new and well made and will accommodate from four to six people.

Meals at Haslett Park dining room 25 cts.

Meals at Pine Lake House 40 cts.

Tents.

Those wanting tents furnished them should apply to J. M. Potter, Pine Lake, at once. If they desire cots they should so state, otherwise it will be assumed that campers will provide for their own sleeping accommodations.

Bring your own pillows and blankets whether you hire tents or bring them.

Fees and Expenses.

In the effort to make the Camp-meeting pay its own expenses we found it necessary to raise the price of season tickets to \$1.50 and to charge the nominal price of \$1.50 for tenting privileges. Hundreds of dollars have been spent already to improve and keep the grounds in repair, and should there be receipts more than enough to pay expenses it will be sacredly devoted to improvements from which all receive equal benefits.

Boats and Prices.

The stock in boats consists of the steamboat Belle Haslett mentioned in another space, two sail boats, and twenty-eight small boats. The prices for use will be: For steamboat ride for pleasure around the Lake, single tickets 15 cts. or per couple 25 cts. Small boats 50 to 75 cts. per day.

Accommodations.

Read carefully what we say under this head. While we have two hotels, one 26x60 and the other 30x70, also several small cottages and a limited number of tents, the crowd is usually so large Saturdays and Sundays that many are not cared for just to their satisfaction. We would suggest that so far as possible each person make definite arrangements with the manager

previous to their coming for accommodations. Our arrangements for feeding the people will be equal to any demand. Those wanting rooms or tents for the season should apply soon as possible.

Railroads.

Arrangements have been made with the following railroads for one and one-third fare for round trip for Thursday, July 26th, opening day, and for each Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, tickets good to return up to and including August 27th:

Chicago & West Michigan.

Chicago & Grand Trunk.

Detroit, Lansing & Northern.

Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee.

Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic.

Flin: & Pere Marquette.

Grand Rapids & Indiana.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

Michigan Central.

Michigan Air Line.

Michigan & Ohio.

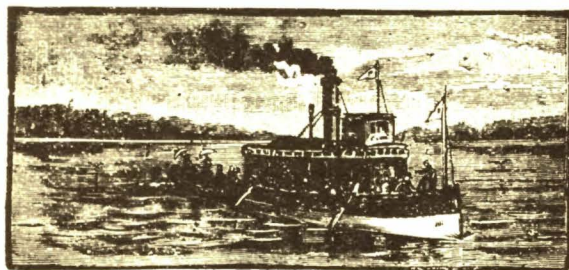
Pontiac, Oxford & Pt. Austin.

Toledo, Ann Arbor & Nor. Mich.

Wabash Western.

Saginaw Valley & St. Louis.

Any person desiring to attend the Camp-meeting living on the line of the above named roads can avail themselves of the rates given. Be sure and ask for excursion tickets.



Will You Bring Tents?

Those who intend bringing their own tents will confer a favor by notifying the manager. Whether you bring tents or not, bring your own blankets and pillows.

Supplies.

We shall endeavor to enlarge our facilities for supplying all campers with groceries, meat, vegetables, and milk.

Do You Want to Help?

Read carefully the article headed "The Objects" and you will understand what Brother Haslett is endeavoring to do for the cause of Spiritualism. If the undertaking meets your approval we expect you to render such aid as your ability will permit.

Post Office.

The Post Office is located one-half mile from the camp, and mail will be delivered to all campers at 11 A. M. and 6 P. M., each week day. Letters to be mailed should be ready as follows: Going West, 10 A. M., going East, 5 P. M.

Week End Tickets.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk and the Detroit & Milwaukee will sell week end tickets to and from the Camp on Saturday good to return on Monday for one-half fare.

How a Suggestion Will Grow.

Last season Mrs. Lillie said: "You need an Auditorium in Haslett Park." Mrs. Haslett said to Mrs. Lillie: "You can raise the money to build it so we can have it next year, *if you will.*" Result! Beautiful structure 60x96—20 ft. between joints, with truss roof. Suggestions are now in order.

The Motive.

We wish that every Spiritualist could fully understand and appreciate the motive that prompted Bro. Haslett to so munificently aid in the establishment of a permanent camping ground at "Haslett Park." The aims and objects referred to in another article will enable you to comprehend the magnitude of the undertaking. Every Spiritualist should immediately aid to the extent of their ability, financially and morally, and as soon as practicable a strong organization will be perfected, under whose direction and care the destiny of Haslett Park will be placed. We appeal to the higher nature of all who love our beautiful philosophy to exert themselves, to the end that the undertaking may be a marked success, and satisfy Bro. Haslett that the endowment is fully appreciated and will be generously aided.

Geo. G. Mead.

The timely and unselfish aid of Mr. G. G. Mead, of Mason, in the early purchase of Haslett Park will for all time make him a conspicuous figure in the growth of the enterprise. He came forward with liberal assistance at a critical time and without him the beautiful property would have been in other hands, and Spiritualists would now be itinerant campers, with no home to beautify and adorn. His good wife aided and encouraged the enterprise from the start, and both deserve the hearty thanks of all Spiritualists.

Excursions Every Sunday

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C. & G. T. R. R.,

Leaving Port Huron and Battle Creek in
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Buy a Lot and build a Cottage for your
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ORDER YOUR TENTS AND SECURE YOUR ROOMS AT ONCE.

HASLETT PARK CAMP MEETING BULLETIN.

(DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF SPIRITUALISM.)

VOL. 5.

JULY 29, 1891

No. 5.

The Ninth Annual Camp-Meeting of the Haslett Park Association will be held at "Haslett Park," commencing Thursday, July 29, and closing Monday, August 31, including five Sundays.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday, Aug. 2—10:00 A. M.—Address of Welcome, by Presiding Officer, Hon. H. C. Hodges.
Sunday, Aug. 2—10:30 A. M.—Lectures by Jennie B. Hagan, of South Farmington, Mass.
Sunday, Aug. 2—2:00 P. M.—Lectures by Jennie B. Hagan.
Monday, Aug. 3—2:00 P. M.—Lectures by Jennie B. Hagan.
Tuesday, Aug. 4—2:00 P. M.—Lectures by Jennie B. Hagan.
Wednesday, Aug. 5—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of Boston.
Thursday, Aug. 6—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Conference.
Friday, Aug. 7—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
Saturday, Aug. 8—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lyceum.
Sunday, Aug. 9—10:30 A. M. and 2:00 P. M.—Lectures by Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
Monday, Aug. 10—
Tuesday, Aug. 11—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Conference.
Wednesday, Aug. 12—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—
Thursday, Aug. 13—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Lyman C. Howe.
Friday, Aug. 14—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Memorial Day—Address by Lyman C. Howe.
Saturday, Aug. 15—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lyceum.
Sunday, Aug. 16—10:30 A. M.—Lecture by Lyman C. Howe, of Fredonia, N. Y.

Sunday, Aug. 16—2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Mrs. Adah Sheehan, of Cincinnati, O.
Psychometric Reading after morning and afternoon lectures by Mrs. Adah Sheehan, who has no equal.
Monday, Aug. 17—
Tuesday, Aug. 18—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Mrs. Sheehan.
Wednesday, Aug. 19—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Mrs. Sheehan.
Thursday, Aug. 20—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Conference.
Friday, Aug. 21—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Conference.
Saturday, Aug. 22—10:30 A. M.—Lyceum. 2:00 P. M.—Edgar W. Emerson.
Sunday, Aug. 23—10:30 A. M., and 2:00 P. M.—Lecture and tests by Edgar W. Emerson, of Manchester, N. Y., the noted medium.
Monday, Aug. 24—
Tuesday, Aug. 25—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Giles B. Stebbins, of Detroit.
Wednesday, Aug. 26—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Mrs. E. C. Woodruff, of South Haven.
Thursday, Aug. 27—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Giles B. Stebbins.
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Saturday, Aug. 29—10:30 A. M.—Reading Circle. 2:00 P. M.—Lyceum.
Sunday, Aug. 30—10:30 A. M.—Lecture by Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids.
Sunday, Aug. 30—2:00 P. M.—Lecture by Dr. A. B. Spinney, of Detroit.

COMMITTEES.

Entertainments—Mrs. Horton, Lowell; Mrs. Tracy Merrill, Lansing; Mrs. Kate Cleveland, Detroit.

Decorations—Mrs. H. J. Mead, Mason; Mrs. A. E. Sheets, Grand Ledge; Mrs. Dr. Higbie, Burton; Mrs. E. A. Payne, Grand Rapids.

Music—Mrs. James H. Haslett, Port Huron; Miss Leta Buck, Lansing; H. A. Walker, Lansing.

Police—Ted Cutler, Riley; S. P. Buck, Lansing; Dr. Dryer, Bath.

Reception—Mrs. A. B. Spinney, Detroit; Hon. James H. White, Port Huron; A. G. Leathers, East Saginaw; H. A. Martin, Dimondale.

Haslett Park.

"Haslett Park" is a beautiful grove at the west shore of Pine Lake, one-half mile from the depot, consisting of about twenty acres timbered with oak, hickory and elm, with a gentle slope back from the lake about sixty rods to a gravelly or sandy ridge where stands the mighty oaks interspersed with smaller hickory with its beautiful foliage.

Pine Lake.

Pine Lake is located seven and one-half miles northeast of Lansing, on the Chicago & Grand Trunk R. R. It is one and one-half miles long, and one mile wide, containing about one thousand acres. It is a clear and beautiful lake, supplied with excellent water from a subterranean passage, and has but one outlet, which flows to the Cedar and Grand Rivers, which form a junction at Lansing. This lake is the famous resort for the Capitol City, and is accessible to thirty other cities and villages by a drive of from one to three hours.

Post Office.

The Post Office is located one-half mile from the camp, and mail will be delivered to all campers at 11 A. M. and 6 P. M. each week day. Letters to be mailed should be ready as follows: Going west, 10 A. M., going east, 5 P. M.

THE MEDIUMS PROTECTIVE UNION will hold their annual meeting on the 20th of August. All Mediums interested in the work invited to be present. The Union hope to clear their home of all indebtedness the present season. Improvements have been made on the grounds of the home and many more in contemplation.

READ this paper carefully, and if it does not answer all questions please write to DR. A. W. EDSON, Manager, Lansing, Mich.

THE name of the Station and Post Office has been changed from Pine Lake to Haslett Park.

Fees and Expenses.

Hundreds of dollars have been spent already to improve and keep the grounds in repair, and should the receipts be more than enough to pay expenses it will be sacredly devoted to improvements from which all receive equal benefit.

List of Prices.

Season tickets, \$1.50. Single admission, 10 cents per day. Teams, 10 cents. No ground rent will be charged this year and all parties sending their tents in advance will be attended to and and put up in a desirable place, free of charge.

A good 10x12 tent, with floor, will be furnished at \$6.00 per season. For three weeks, \$4.00. For one week, \$2.00. For over Sunday, \$1.50. These tents are new and well made, and will accommodate from four to six people.

Meals at Haslett Park dining room 25 cents, for any time less than a week. By the week, \$3.50.

Dining Hall.

The dining hall at Haslett Park is 30x70 feet and will seat about 250 people. it will be in charge of an experienced caterer and good meals served for 25 cents.

The Pine Lake House, one mile from Haslett Park, will furnish rooms to the extent of its capacity, and good meals for \$1.00 per day. Those tenting or rooming elsewhere can be furnished board at \$1.00 per day.

SUPPLIES.—A depot of supplies will be a special feature this season.

NO CHARGE for tenting privileges. Tents put up free of charge.

PARTIES coming to the Camp on the D. L. & N., should change cars at Trowbridge, and those on other roads at Lansing.

A MEMBER of the reception committee will meet all trains and care for strangers.

Tents.

Those wanting tents furnished them should apply to DR. A. W. EDSON, Manager, Lansing, Mich., at once. If they desire cots they should so state, otherwise it will be assumed that campers will provide for their own sleeping accommodations.

Bring your own pillows and blankets whether you hire tents or bring them. All tents put up free of charge.

Lots and Cottages.

The plat of land associated with a part of Haslett Park consists of about 100 acres. Two hundred and sixty-four lots have been platted. Many very neat cottages have been constructed and others are in the process of construction. Those wanting lots can lease them for a number of years, as the whole thing belongs to the Association and they derive the benefit of it.

Bazaar.

There will be a Bazaar conducted by a society organized for that purpose, where many novelties and useful things will be sold for the benefit of the "Mediums' Home" now constructed at the Park. Contributions of salable articles and money will be gladly received. For particulars concerning the enterprise you can address DR. A. W. EDSON, Lansing, Mich.

The steamboat, BELLE HASLETT, now plying on Pine Lake, is a comparatively new boat, with a capacity of one hundred and fifty passengers. It is in charge of a competent engineer. Will meet Saturday and Sunday trains and excursions. If a party of five and ten or more want the boat to meet them during the week, write to the secretary of the Camp Meeting or H. J. Olney. Fare, 10 cents from depot landing to north side. Five cents from depot landing to Haslett Park.

Pine Lake House.

The Pine Lake House is now under the management of H. J. Olney, who is a gentleman of large experience. He will care for his guests in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Olney also keeps a supply store, to which he invites the attention of campers.

Single meals, 25 cents. Good stabling for horses.

Haslett Park Association.

This is the second year of the Camp-Meeting under the direction and management of the HASLETT PARK ASSOCIATION, which was organized under the laws of the State on the 24th of August, 1889:

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

James H. Haslett, President.
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James H. White, Treasurer.
Dr. A. W. Edson, Secretary and Manager.

Trustees—James H. Haslett, James H. White, M. J. Matthews, Dr. A. W. Edson, A. A. Whitney, M. B. Sheets, Dr. Charles Day.

Mrs. Effie F. Josselyn, Corresponding Secretary.

Lyman C. Howe,

Of Fredonia, N. Y., will be with us this year. He has been in the field of spiritualism too long to need introduction. Always appreciated for his noble utterance of truths.

Jennie B. Hagan.

Miss Hagan, of South Framingham, Mass., speaks for the first time in a Michigan Camp. Although for many years on the rostrum in the east. The management take great pleasure in presenting this speaker knowing her great worth and power of pleasing and instructing an audience. As an improvisatrice she cannot be excelled, handling a large number of subjects with perfect success.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

Mrs. Lillie is a harmonizing and powerful speaker. She has a never-failing source of inspiration, and to-day stands crowned as the Queen of the spiritual rostrum.

Edgar W. Emerson.

Mr. Emerson, of Manchester, N. H., is a trance lecturer and test medium. He stands second to none as a platform test medium, giving a large number of delineations of the most satisfying character.

Mrs. Adah Sheehan,

Of Cincinnati, is a trance speaker of great power, with guides who win the love of all who know them. Also a platform test medium of rare psychometric ability.

Hon. L. V. Moulton and Dr. A. B. Spinney,

Are too well known to Michigan people to need words of praise, having many friends and admirers.

Meet All Trains.

The Steamer Belle Haslett will meet all excursion trains and Saturday trains. H. Smith will run a bus to all trains. Fare, 5 cents to grounds and 10 cents to north side.

Fare to grounds, 10 cents. Trunks, 10 cents. Filling beds with straw, 15 cts.

An Appeal.

We want the friends of Haslett Park Association to make an extra effort to place the bonds of the Association. Five dollars entitles you to one full share. The more bonds sold the more rapidly improvements can be made. If the Spiritualists of Michigan and adjoining states will harmoniously co-operate for a few years they can establish at Haslett Park what the Spiritualists of the Nation would be proud to visit. The desire of the incorporators of the Haslett Park Association will never be satisfied until all its aims and objects have been realized, viz.: A free Spiritual platform, an attractive resort, a liberal school and library, a sanitarium, an art gallery, and all other things necessary to the development of our spiritual and moral natures. Modern Spiritualism counts among its numbers the ablest thinkers and writers of this age. Let us all unite to make Haslett Park the center of Spiritual light.

LYCEUM.—Much interest was manifested in the Children's Lyceum exercises last season, and this year will no doubt be a prominent feature under proper and competent instructors.

THE TITUS HOUSE, with its forty rooms, will be put in good order for the accommodation of guests. Terms for rooms: One day, 50 cents; one week, \$2.50.

EVERY Thursday evening will be devoted to dancing from 8 P. M. to 12 M.

Miss Cora Denny,

The musical medium, from Dayton, Ohio will be present during the meeting. Miss Denny is a young medium of rare musical ability, a pianist and inspirational singer, showing marked power and constantly unfolding in other phases of mediumship.

Stables.

New stables have been built that will accommodate 75 horses. Charges will be: 15 cents, horse to hay; 10 cents a feed to four quarts of oats; 30 cents for horse one night to hay and grain.

MR. EDISON believes that food makes a determining influence in the quality of mental action and influences the mind as powerfully as it affects the body. He has studied the question, it is said, in the light of both science and experimental detail, and has chosen a diet of fruit and grains, especially those ripening in the sunshine. He finds no room for self-denial in this regimen, as it is the food he enjoys and that which enables him to produce his best work.

THE first cracks made in the smooth surface of friendship are as dangerous as those which come to the sheeny satin garment of young married love. Freedom of speech and exacting close attention, neglect of due forms, liberties beyond the license of just intimacy—all these are cracks to be stopped in the beginning, else the time will come when no masonry of tact or affection can repair them.

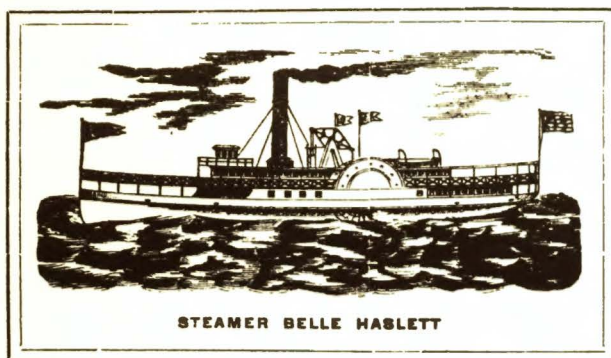
A SOURCE OF ANNOYANCE.

A gentleman, coming home at evening, spoke harshly to his little three-year-old, who was playing very noisily.

The little lady dropped her playthings and retreated hastily to a corner.

"What's the matter?" asked papa.

"Well," said the child, "I've been a good girl all this day, and now you come home and make trouble the first thing."



IMPROVEMENTS.

Many improvements will be noticed this year. The walk has been graded to the Auditorium and seeded down, many unsightly stumps removed and trees planted. Buildings have been improved, committee rooms added to the Auditorium. Mrs. Owen, of Lapeer, is now erecting a cottage and others will soon be in process.

MEDIUMS.

Among the mediums who will be upon the grounds will be the well known veteran worker, Mrs. H. N. Read, a trance medium. Will give sittings and instructions in the development of psychometry.

Mrs. M. A. Hawley, of Westfield, N. Y., clairvoyant and test medium.

Mrs. Levi Wood, of South Haven, business and test medium.

Mrs. Lena Bible, clairvoyant and inspirational speaker is expected.

Mrs. May Ayers, magnetic healer and writing medium, will have a tent on the grounds where she will give treatments and sittings.

Mrs. F. V. Jackson, of Grand Rapids, who spent last season at Cassadaga, expects to be present during the entire Camp.

An interesting feature of Mrs. Lillies' and Miss Hagan's work will be an impromptu poem together, each giving the alternate verse of the improvisation. Public circles will be held every Wednesday evening at the "Mediums' Home," and every Friday evening at the Auditorium.

Mrs. Nickerson is expected to occupy her cottage if her engagements permit her visiting Michigan.

Railroad Rates.

All railroads running into Lansing cannot make any excursion rates for Camp Meetings, unless a party of five or ten go; then it is one and one-third rate for five days stay. I would advise all to get return tickets for thirty days.

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Ask your agent for tickets to Haslett Park, via C. & G. T. R. R.

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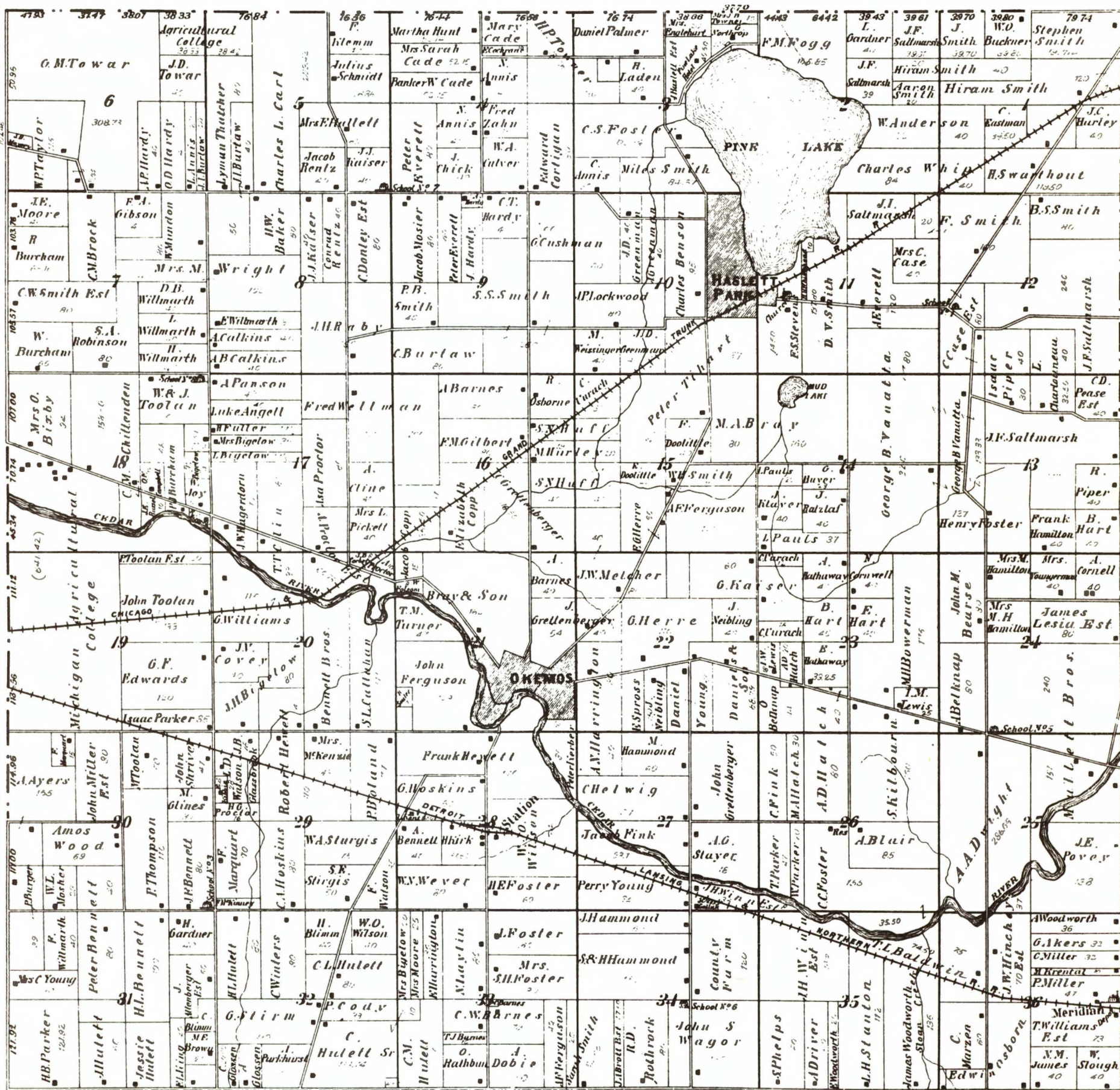
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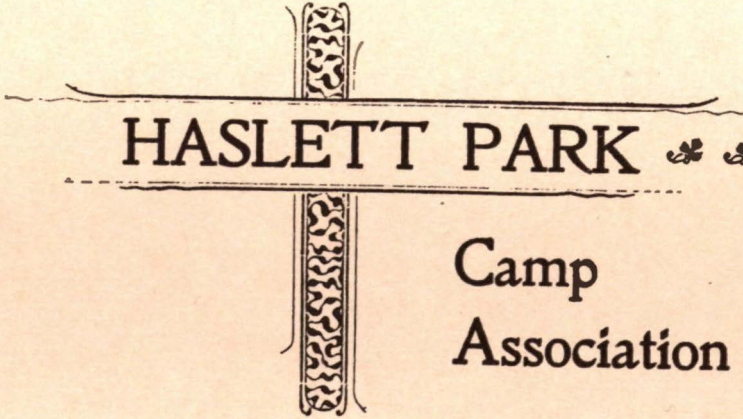
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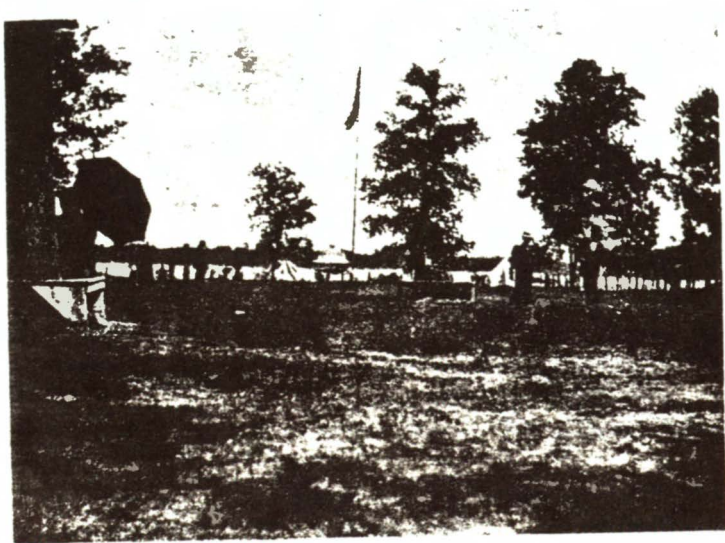
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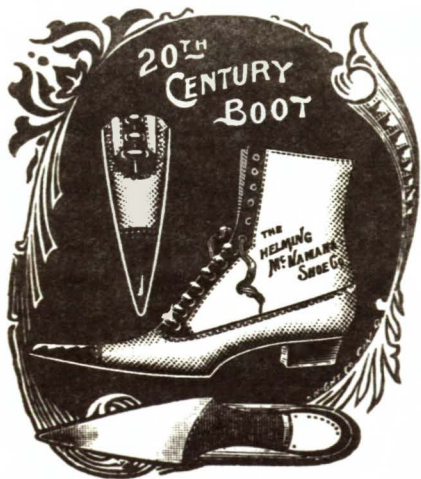
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The earnest seek their courage to renew,

That after conflict with the storms of life,

May strengthen resolutions wise and true.

There music, voiced by instrument and song,

Awakes responses on the breathing air,

While raptures, that to eloquence belong,

Inspire the soul, and force conviction there.

When reason demonstrates, by power divine

The subtle truths that from perception hide,

Then, in the soul, like deathless stars they shine,

And evermore with consciousness abide.

Fair Haslett Park! from purer realms, unseen,

Enraptured spirits oft return to thee,

Beside us walk, beneath thy foliage green,

To hold Communion with mortality ;

To bear aloft the mind to regal throne,—

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HASLETT PARK is a beautiful grove, bordering the west shore of Pine Lake, and it is thickly timbered with second growth oak, hickory and elm. The ground has a gentle slope toward the lake, on the edge of which stand the mighty oaks and spreading elms whose foliage welcome the new comers and old campers, and invite them to take a calm and sweet repose beneath their shady boughs.

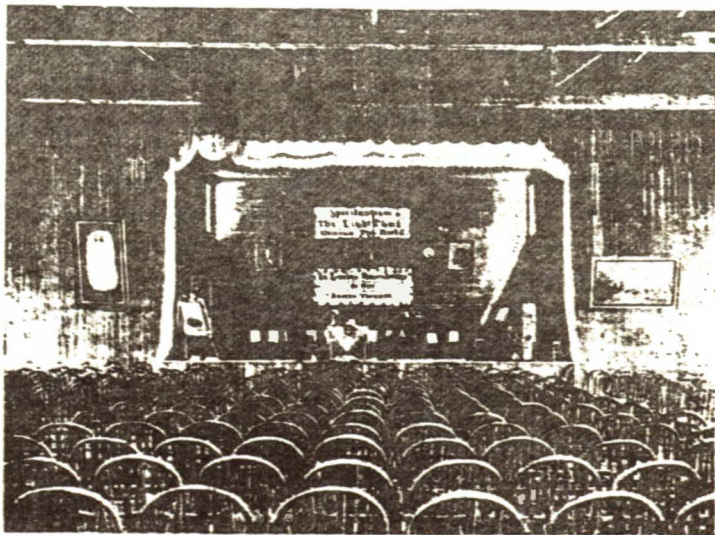
Nature has provided this spot with everything that is needed for a spiritual camp ground. The sick may get health, the weary may rest and the sorrowful may be comforted.

When the numerous tents are spread over the camp, when the many hammocks are stretched from tree to tree, and the soft twilight reflects its tinted rays on the foliage of the grove and the beautiful lake, then goes up the praises of all: "This is indeed the paradise of Michigan."

PINE LAKE

Pine Lake is a clear and beautiful sheet of water. It is supplied by a subterranean current, and has but one outlet. This lake is the famous resort for fishermen and citizens of the Capital City generally, being easily reached on the C. & G. T. R. R., or an hour's drive over gentle hills and through verdant valleys will bring one to this delightful spot.

The lake abounds with black bass and wall-eyed pike. One cannot miss the



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opportunity of "going fishing" while at camp. It is sport for old and young. In places this lake is swampy on the edge, and it is there where the lilies are found, which make the camp renowned.

OUR SPEAKERS.

Honorable O. P. Kellogg, our chairman, is well known all over this fair land, not only in the spiritual field, but in other walks of life. He is an all-around man, and can fill every duty that he is called on to perform with credit to himself and the public. He is a fine parliamentarian, having been speaker of the house of representatives of Wyoming for two sessions, and has occupied the platform as chairman of many political conventions. He makes all happy who come in contact with him. Come and get acquainted with him. He will entertain you and make you laugh if you are sad. He wants to meet you all.

Mrs. Julia M. Walton is known to the old campers and the general public. Her mediumship has converted many to our ranks.

Mrs. Payne Hopkins is a new worker in the field, but has made such remarkable progress in her work among local societies, especially in Lansing where she has been engaged since February, that the management feels proud to place her on the program.

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Rev. James DeBuchananne, M. D., Ph. D., although a new-comer to our camp, is not unknown to the cause. He is of old French stock, who were noble-men. He was left an orphan when very young. At the age of ten he went into the world, determined to get an education, working daytime and studying nights. He graduated from Brown University and afterwards spent three years at Heidelberg, Germany, where he earned the degree of Ph. D.; after which he went to Leipzig and won the degree of M. D. He spent years in study and research; he was pastor in the Congregational church for twenty years, filling some of the greatest pulpits in the east. He is a fine speaker, using good language, and has a strong voice; he is a profound thinker, a good debater, a fine scholar and a philosopher.

Mrs. A. E. Sheets, by her work and earnest endeavor, earned a place upon the platform that is rarely equaled. Her inspiration comes from a high source and



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one hearing her is lifted up and at times given glimpses of the distant shore.

Hon. L. V. Moulton, the great exponent of truth, science and philosophy, stands a peer among men. His keen wit and refined humor have won him laurels at the bar, in the legislature and on the platform. He is fearless and clinches every nail that he drives. Wherever he goes the halls are filled and standing room is at a premium. Everybody wants to hear his sound logic and illustrated lectures. Do not miss hearing him.

Moses Hull stands head and shoulders above any man he has ever met in debate; he knows the Bible by heart, and if you want that book analyzed from a spiritual standpoint you ought to come and hear him. There is an open challenge to any clergyman to meet him in debate on the Haslett Park platform to discuss the Bible in a clean, fair and logical way.

PROGRAM FOR THE HASLETT PARK CAMP.

Sunday, Aug. 2—10:30 A. M., Opening Address, Honorable O. P. Kellogg of Ohio, chairman of the meeting; **2:00 P. M.,** Lecture, Julia M. Walton of Williamston, Mich.

Tuesday, Aug. 4—10:30 A. M., General Organization of Camp Work; **2:00 P. M.,** Lecture, Julia M. Walton.

Wednesday, Aug. 5—10:30 A. M., Reading Circle; **2:00 P. M.,** Lecture, E. Payne Hopkins of Owosso, Mich.

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Thursday, Aug. 6—*Indian Day*, 10:30 A. M., Conference; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, O. P. Kellogg.

Friday, Aug. 7—10:30 A. M., Lyceum; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, E. Payne Hopkins.

Saturday, Aug. 8—*Womans' Day*, 10:30, "The Old Woman," Marion Carpenter of Detroit; 2:00 P. M., "The New Woman," Anna L. Robinson of Port Huron.

Sunday, Aug. 9—Lecture, 10:30 A. M., Marion Carpenter; 2:00 P. M., Anna L. Robinson.

Monday, Aug. 10—2:00 P. M., Parlimentary Congress.

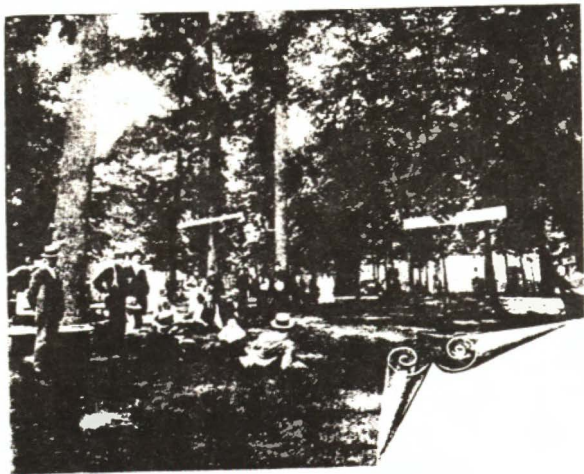
Tuesday, Aug. 11—10:30 A. M., Conference; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Anna L. Robinson.

Wednesday Aug. 12—*Children's Day*, 10:30 A. M., Exercises by the Children; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Anna L. Robinson.

Thursday, Aug. 13—*Mediums' Day*, 10:30 A. M., Conference; 2:00 P. M. Lecture, Anna L. Robinson.

Friday, Aug. 14—10:30 A. M., Lyceum; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Rev. James DeBuchananne, M. D., Ph. D. of Kansas City.

Saturday, Aug. 15—*Pioneers' Day*, 10:30 A. M., Remarks by Pioneers; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Dr. James DeBuchananne.



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Sunday, Aug. 16—10:30, Lecture, Dr. James DeBuchananne, subject "Threshold of the Great Beyond"; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Dr. James DeBuchananne, subject, "Character Building."

Monday, Aug. 17—2:00 P. M., Parliamentary Congress.

Tuesday, Aug. 18—10:30 A. M., Reading Circle; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Dr. James DeBuchananne.

Wednesday, Aug. 19—10:30 A. M., Mediums' Meeting; 2:00, Lecture, Dr. James DeBuchananne.

Thursday, Aug. 20—*Soldiers' Day*. 10:30 A. M., Conference; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, O. P. Kellogg.

Friday, Aug. 21—*State Association Day*. 10:30 A. M., Lyceum; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Mrs. A. E. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, vice-president of the Michigan State Spiritual Association.

Saturday, Aug. 22—*National Association Day*. 10:30 A. M., Reading Circle; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Hon. L. V. Moulton of Grand Rapids, president of the Michigan State Spiritual Association.

Sunday, Aug. 23—10:30 A. M., Lecture, Hon. L. V. Moulton; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Hon. L. V. Moulton.

Monday, Aug. 24—2:00 P. M., Parliamentary Congress.

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Wednesday, Aug. 26—*Memorial Day*. 10:30 A. M., Reading Circle; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Mrs. A. E. Sheets.

Thursday, Aug. 27—10:30 A. M., Conference; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Moses Hull of Chicago.

Friday, Aug. 28—10:30 A. M., Lyceum; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Moses Hull.

Saturday, Aug. 29—10:30 A. M., Association Meeting, Election of Trustees; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Moses Hull.

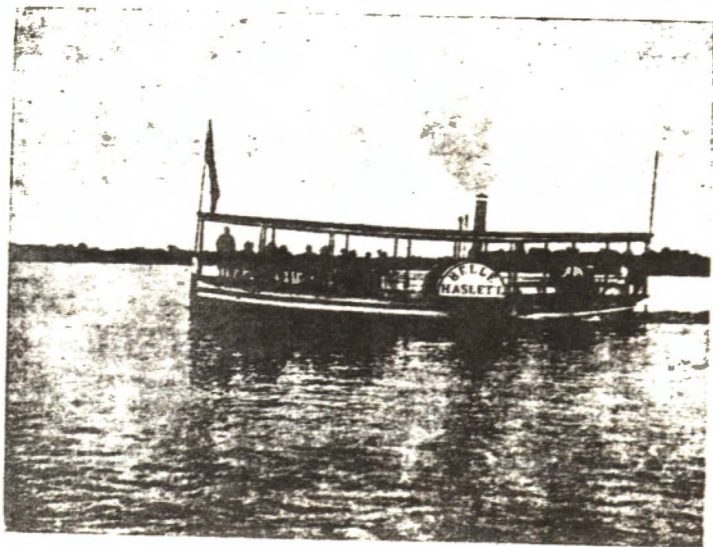
Sunday, Aug. 30—10:30 A. M., Lecture, Moses Hull; 2:00 P. M., Lecture, Moses Hull.

PARLIAMENTARY CLASS.

Every morning from 9 to 10, except Sunday, will be devoted to parliamentary drills. These drills will be of great importance, as we expect to have with us some of the best parliamentarians of our country. You will receive instructions from the very beginning of organization, to the most technical point of parliamentary procedure. Bring your books and be prepared to meet with us and have a good time.

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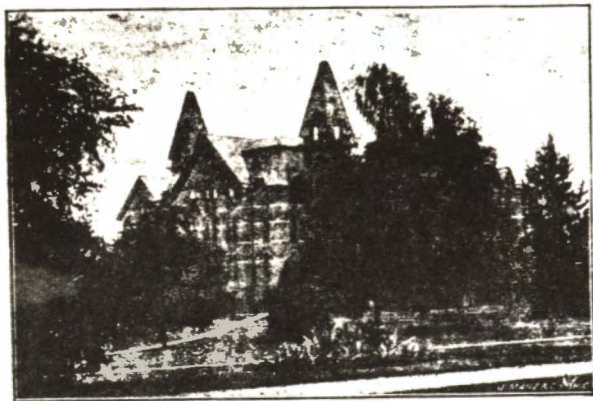
campers two years ago, will have charge of the music, and will be assisted by a well organized quartette or choir and soloists of different kind; an orchestra will assist on Sunday. It is the special desire of Miss Hildreth to form a quartette, either male or mixed. Any person wishing to do thorough work could do no better than to come to camp and make use of this opportunity.

THE AUDITORIUM.

The Auditorium has a seating capacity of over 1,500 people and over 2,000 can be accommodated to hear the lectures.

PAPERS AND READING.

The Light of Truth, *The Progressive Thinker*, and *The Banner of Light*, the three great exponents of the spiritual light of truth, will be represented by their respective agents at the camp, who will be pleased to take your subscription, whether new or renewal, you should not miss having one of these papers at your home; they are filled with food for the mind and soul. Send for sample copies and then subscribe at the camp; you need one of these papers whether you believe in spiritualism or not; they deal with philosophy and science. *The Light of Truth* is published at Cincinnati, Ohio, *The Progressive Thinker* at Chicago, Ill., *The Banner of Light* at Boston, Mass.



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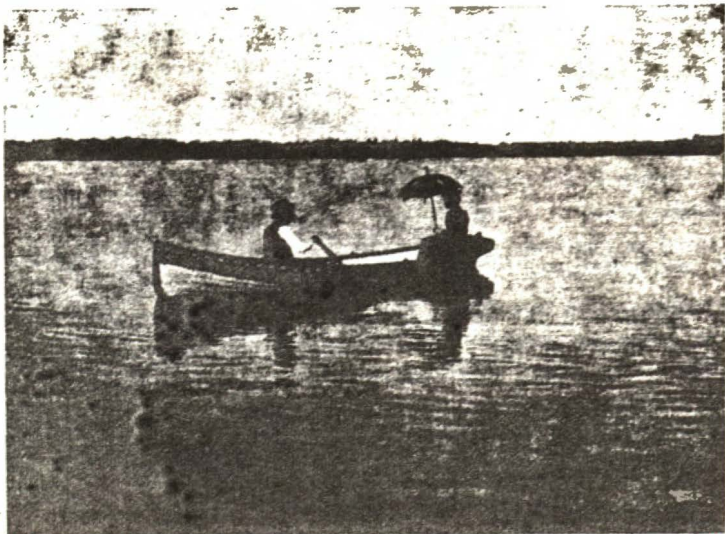
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If you have any legal question, or want to make your will or transfer property, G. F. Ottmar, attorney and counselor, will be on the ground, where you can con-



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sel him daily during the camp, or at 209 and 210 Hollister building, Lansing, Michigan.

MEDIUMS.

A good number of the best mediums are expected on the ground at different times. A cordial invitation is extended to all sincere workers in the cause.

EXCURSIONS.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad will give Sunday excursions from Port Huron and Battle Creek. If you cannot come and stay through the whole meeting, or if business prevents you from coming during the week, you can come on these excursions and enjoy a Sunday at the park. Everybody will come to the park on Sunday. You can't afford to miss this opportunity to visit the greatest camp meeting in Michigan. They will also run one or more excursion trains from Saginaw and one from Detroit during the camp season. These excursions will arrive at the park in time to hear the morning lecture and give you a full day, as no train will leave earlier than 7:00 P. M. The first excursion will commence August 9, 1896.

REDUCED RATES.

An application has been presented to the Railroad Association of Michigan, in which it is asked that all railroads in Michigan give one and one-third rates for the round trip. The first day of sale being July 30 and 31, good to return Sept. 1, and

that these tickets be placed on sale every Thursday during the month of August, good to return September 1. Write or inquire of your agent and avail yourselves of these rates if given.

The Jacksonville, Louisville & St. Louis Railroad, voluntarily offered to join in all rates authorized by the various associations, to accommodate those who want to come to our camp. This will give those from the distance an opportunity to come to our camp.

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All persons wishing to cause trouble and disturbance are invited to stay away, as order and decorum will be maintained.

DINING HALL.

A large and commodious dining hall is upon the camp ground and will be in charge of a first-class caterer. Parties wishing board by the week can obtain meal tickets at \$3.50 per week; single meals 25 cents. You will be attended by pleasing waiters, and with dispatch.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A musical and literary program will be given every Saturday evening.

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E. M. Babbitt, dealer in dry goods and groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, will be at the camp night and morning to take orders and deliver goods at rock-bottom prices.

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BUSS AND FREIGHT LINE.

S. S. Ball will carry you from the depot to the camp ground for 10 cents, and your baggage or freight at reasonable rates.

BUSS LINE FROM LANSING.

Jimmie Markey will run a buss line from Lansing to Haslett Park every day. He will leave Lansing in time to arrive at the park before morning services, and return in the evening after the afternoon services. Round trip 45 cents; one way 25 cents.

POSTOFFICE.

Your mail will be delivered on the ground four times a day; have your mail directed in care of H. P. A.

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HUCKSTERS' STAND.

A full line of pop corn, lemonade, cigars, soft drinks and sweetmeats will be on sale.

LODGING.

If you come for just a few days and do not want to tent out you can get a room at the Titus House and Turner House for twenty-five cents a night, except Saturday and Sunday, when it will be fifty cents a night. These rooms are well furnished and kept in order by an experienced matron. Other accommodations are found at Mrs. Burgess' who has room for a large number of visitors, and at the Nemoka House, where board and lodging may be obtained. The Pine Lake House also has room for many visitors.

STABLE ROOM.

When you drive to camp, secure your tickets at the ticket office near the entrance gate; then drive into the grove and put your horses into the barn, or in some secure place. All the horses are cared for, and you need not worry; if one gets loose, he cannot get away, unless he jumps a seven foot fence.

If you do not bring your hay and grain, you can get your horses fed at a reasonable rate.

TENTING PRIVILEGES.

If you have a tent, send or bring it, and it will be put up for you, free of charge, in a very pleasant location, or wherever you may select.

HOW TO REACH CAMP BY RAIL.

If you come to camp on the D., L. & N., change cars at Trowbridge; all other roads at Lansing, except the C. & G. T., which runs direct to the camp.

AMUSEMENTS.

From 8 until 12 o'clock P. M. every Wednesday evening will be devoted to dancing; the music will be under the direction of I. D. Richmond. Special attractions will be announced at these meetings. These dances are of a high and refined order, and everyone will have a good time.

TENTS.

A good tent, 10 by 12 feet with a floor, will be furnished at \$6.00 per season; three weeks at \$4.00; one week at \$2.00; over Saturday and Sunday at \$1.50. These tents will accommodate from four to six persons.

ADMISSION.

Season tickets \$2.00; single admission 10 cents per day; teams 10 cents.

BOATS.

The Harold is a pleasant little steamboat, and makes a delightful trip around the lake. If you want to work your own passage, Wm. McGiveron will rent you a rowboat by the hour, day, week or season; if you want to go fishing he can furnish you with hooks, lines, poles and bait. The steamer, Belle Haslett, will run excursions and meet all trains.

ILLUSTRATED POSTERS.

Large illustrated posters will be printed, and any party wishing to aid us by posting a few in their community can obtain some by writing to the manager.

If flowers were thrown you out of heaven at intervals you would soon attain to a trick of looking up. — *Mrs. Browning's Aurora Leigh.*

Good love, how'er ill placed, is better for a man's soul in the end, than if he loved ill what deserves love well. — *Mrs. Browning's Aurora Leigh.*

Take care of your living and your dying will take care of itself.

Pleasure shortens life; happiness prolongs it.

The philosophy of spiritualism is true as it fits the individual. The phenomena are applicable everywhere. One is relative, the other absolute truth.

The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which unite me. — *Victor Hugo.*

C. & G. T. Time Table, in Effect March 29, 1896.

Westbound Trains.										Eastbound Trains.									
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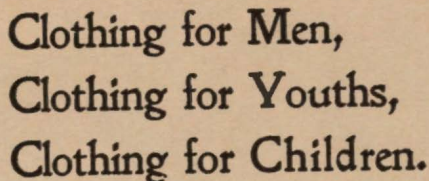
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